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20. Rocky River			
21. Catawba R.			
22. Green River			
23. Bausch Mountn			
24. Brier Creek			

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MINUTES

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Central Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

New Hope Church, Wake County, N. C.,

JULY 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th, 1877.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
DECEMBER, 1877.

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Elder W. T. BROOKS, D. D.
" D. A. GLENN.
" J. C. HOCUT.
" J. R. JONES.
" T. H. BRITCHARD, D. D.
" A. F. PUREFOY.
" J. S. PUREFOY.
" W. B. ROYALL.
" C. E. TAYLOR.
" W. M. WINGATE, D. D.
" W. L. WRIGHT.

OFFICERS:

MODERATOR:

N. E. CANNADY, Grissom, N. C.

CLERK AND TREASURER:

L. R. MILLS, Wake Forest, N. C.

HISTORIAN:

Elder J. S. PUREFOY, Wake Forest, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

New Hope Baptist Church, Wake Co., N. C.
Thursday, July 26, 1877.

The Central Baptist Association meets, in its Eighteenth Annual Session, at New Hope Church, Wake county, N. C.

Elder W. B. Royall preaches the Introductory Sermon from I Cor. iii : 1.

After the Sermon, the Moderator calls the Association to order and requests Bro. J. B. Richardson to conduct the religious exercises. The congregation sings a hymn and Bro. Richardson leads in prayer. The Clerk calls the roll of churches and reads the letters.

DELEGATES:

First District.

Brassfields.—A. S. Gill, J. Y. Moss, L. B. Allen, G. L. Allen, N. E. Cannady.

Flat Rock.—T. J. Crocker, P. M. Harrison, Perry Wiggins, J. R. Jones, J. T. Lancaster.

Franklinton.—W. H. Mitchell, J. S. Joyner, L. W. Dent.

Perry's Chapel.—N. E. Perry, J. P. Pruitte, R. E. Gill.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Vernon.—J. D. Allen, W. G. L. Allen, John A. Honeycut, I. E. Ray, L. C. Dunn.

New Bethel.—I. J. Brogden, J. R. Ray, W. T. Sater, L. L. Brogden, W. L. Nipper.

Olive Branch.—W. J. Suit, D. B. Nichols, M. D. Holloway, W. H. Holloway, R. S. Hester.

Wake Union.—Geo. Davis, G. B. Allen, Calvin Mitchell, G. M. Allen, S. W. Thompson.

Woodland.—J. W. Davis, A. C. O'Neal, G. Bridgers, J. O. Harrison, A. S. Lowry.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Forestville.—P. A. Dunn, W. B. Smith, J. F. Fort, S. M. Dunn, J. N. Holding.

Oak Grove.—L. G. Jordan, W. T. Barrow, L. L. Edward, J. J. Ranes.

Rolesville.—John Broughton, J. T. Hagwood, S. R. Braswell, S. T. Hall, M. Watkins.

Wake Forest.—F. M. Purefoy, W. O. Allen, L. R. Mills, J. M. Brewer, W. G. Simmons.

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FOURTH DISTRICT.

Hopkin's Chapel.—W. S. Harris, W. K. Phillips, A. P. Hopkins, J. B. Baker. G. B. Stallings.

Midway.—J. A. Peebles, N. G. Sandford, J. Y. Chappell, H. Daniel, E. K. Chappell.

New Hope.—Robert Traywick, B. B. Buffaloe, M. W. Buffaloe, W. A. Baugh, Calvin Buffaloe.

Raleigh.—Lynn Adams, John Armstrong, C. B. Edwards, H. Vaughn, J. H. Alford.

Wake X Roads.—W. Stell, J. A. Stell, G. L. Peebles, J. Watkins, H. Watkins.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, July 26th, 1877.

The congregation sings "There is a Fountain filled with blood."

The Association proceeds to the election of officers. Brethren P. A. Dunn and J. S. Joyner act as tellers.

Bro. N. E. Cannady is elected Moderator; Bro. L. R. Mills, Clerk and Treasurer; Elder J. S. Purefoy, Historian.

The following brethren are invited to sit with us and participate in our deliberations: Elder J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec. of the Baptist State Convention; Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*; Elders Amos Weaver, C. W. Scarborough and Bro. Daniel Scarborough, of the Raleigh Association.

The Moderator announces the following Committees:

Finance.—Brethren W. H. Mitchell, P. A. Dunn, T. J. Crocker.

On State Missions.—Elder J. B. Richardson, Brethren W. B. Smith, Robert Traywick.

On Education.—Elder W. B. Royall. Brethren J. S. Joyner, P. Wiggins.

On Sabbath Schools.—Brethren J. E. Ray, B. B. Buffaloe, W. J. Suit.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder C. E. Taylor, Brethren J. Broughton, C. Mitchell.

On Periodicals.—Elder T. H. Pritchard, Brethren W. Stell, J. J. Ranes.

On Place and Preachers for Next Meeting.—Brethren G. B. Allen, W. A. Baugh, S. R. Braswell.

On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of New Hope Church.

A letter from Midway Church, asking admittance into this body, is received and referred to a Committee, consisting of Elders T. H. Pritchard, J. S. Purefoy, Amos Weaver.

It is agreed to meet at 9½ A. M., adjourn at 12½ P. M. Meet again at 2 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

The committee on the letter from Midway Church reports that the church has been regularly constituted and is "of like faith and order." The church is received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

On motion, a committee consisting of Brethren P. A. Dunn, J. S. Purefoy, C. E. Taylor, is appointed on the Endowment of Wake Forest College.

Brethren J. R. Jones, C. W. Scarborough and J. E. Ray are appointed to report on Temperance.

The Clerk is requested to arrange the roll of churches in the minutes according to Districts. Midway Church is assigned to the Fourth District.

Bro. Ray reads the Constitution and Rules of Order.

On motion, it is agreed to spend the time from now till 4 P. M. in discussing the condition of the churches. Remarks are made by Elders J. B. Richardson, J. S. Purefoy, W. B. Royall, T. H. Pritchard, C. T. Bailey, Brethren P. A. Dunn, John Broughton, Calvin Mitchell, G. B. Allen, W. J. Suit, L. G. Jordan.

On motion, the Association adjourns, Elder Amos Weaver leading in prayer.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Friday, July 27th, 1877.

The congregation sings a hymn, and Bro. W. B. Royall leads in prayer.

The proceedings are read and the roll of delegates is called.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1876–'77.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Finance Committee—		
For Associational Fund,	$ 47 05	
For State Missions,	3 00	
For Foreign Missions,	4 00	
Sunday Collection—Foreign Missions,	13 41	
Total receipts,		$ 67 46

PAID OUT.

Treasurer N. C. Baptist State Convention,	$ 20 41	
Clerk for services,	10 00	
Printing Minutes,	35 00	
Expressage and postage on minutes,	2 05	
Total amount paid out,		$ 67 46

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. MILLS, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

The report is received.

On motion, it is agreed to dispense with preaching at the stand to-day.

Elder J. B. Richardson reads the

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Five generations have not passed away since the first Baptist Church was organized in our State. For the first fifty years the laws of North Carolina were so oppressive that Baptist principles were much hindered in their progress. Not till 1792, was there any regular Board of Missions organized. This Board, says Elder John Stadler, organized by the Country-line Association, was the first; and the contributions during the first year amounted to 13£ 2s 1d. In 1804, at old Cashie Church, in Bertie County, another Missionary Society was constituted which continued to do good work till the organization of our State Convention in 1830. Since this latter date, most remarkable success has attended the efforts of our denomination in spreading the gospel. Our numerical progress has been twice that of Virginia or South Carolina, and nearly five times that of either New York or Massachusetts. Some of the greatest workers who have lived or are now living in the South are the fruits of our missionary efforts. China, to-day, is feeling their influences. But if we look to our State alone, every centre of influence where our principles are deeply rooted, tells of the blessings of our Great Head upon our labors.

At present, our State Board has not so many Missionaries in the field as formerly. Yet Salisbury, Greensboro', Statesville, Morganton, Gastonia, Dallas, Polkton and Rockingham, with their surrounding country, are being occupied. In Tyrrell County and other sections, the Board, in connection with the Associations, is pushing its work to the best of its ability. And yet much land remaineth to be possessed. Let us give, every one of us, as the Lord prospers us, and we will be able to possess the country for Christ.

The report of our church letters show that, for the last year, we have left our State Mission work far behind our other benevolent enterprises. Brethren, this ought not to be the case. We recommend greater efforts for this work than we have put forth during the closing Associational year.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
W. B. SMITH,
ROBERT TRAYWICK,
Committee.

The report is laid upon the table and made the Special Order of business for 2 P. M.

Bro. J. E. Ray reads the

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the greatest evils which threatens the peace and prosperity of our Zion, brings reproach upon the church, and gnaws at the vitals of society, is Intemperance. We regret that so little is being done by our churches to arrest its progress, and that many of our church members not only refuse to take any decided stand against Intemperance, but by their precept and example encourage it. We regret that so many professing christians do not feel called upon to sacrifice the pleasure of the social glass, and thus set a good example before the world and before their weak brethren Many hide behind the examples of prominent church members and deacons. We

heartily recommend to the churches of this Association to begin at once to rid themselves of this evil, and to remove from us the baneful influence of whiskey drinkers and sellers. We heartily commend those excellent organizations, "Good Templars" and "Friends of Temperance," and rejoice in the work which they are accomplishing.

J. R. JONES,
C. W. SCARBOROUGH,
J. E. RAY,
Committee.

After remarks by Bro. J. E. Ray, Elders J. S. Purefoy, J. R. Jones, T. H. Pritchard, J. B. Richardson, the report is adopted.

Dr. Pritchard reads the

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the *Biblical Recorder* should be generally read by the Baptists of North Carolina, and for the following reasons, among others :

1. It will make the members of our churches more intelligent. Not only will it create a taste for reading in parents and children, but it will supply them with valuable information on all the current topics of the day, and thus will prove a cheap but efficient means of education.

2. As Knowledge is power they will thus become more useful members of the churches and of society. We can, of course, feel no interest in that of which we know nothing, but when we read of what the Lord's people are doing for His cause in our own State and throughout the world, new thoughts, emotions and desires are awakened in our hearts, and we will be prompted to work more faithfully, and sacrifice more freely for the honor of the Master. It is thus that the *Recorder* is the most useful and efficient Missionary agency we have in spreading abroad the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

3. Reading the *Recorder* will promote the principle of benevolence in our hearts. It is by far the best collector of money we have ever had in the field. State Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, our Schools and Colleges, all our interests, indeed, have no such friend and advocate as the *Recorder*. Those churches that read the *Recorder*, the State over, are those churches that support their pastors best, and are doing most for the cause of Christ. Bishop Marvin said, when the N. C. Conference met in Raleigh last, that he could tell by the mail books of the *Christian Advocate* what districts of the Conference had done their duty in contributing to benevolent objects. If there were TEN thousand, instead of THREE thousand, copies of the *Recorder* taken by the Baptists of North Carolina, the amount of money given to the objects of the Convention would be three or four times as great as it now is, and if we had the money we should be glad to see our Board of Missions appropriate several thousand dollars, every year, to the gratuitous, but judicious, circulation of the *Recorder*. We believe it would be a wise investment.

4. As Baptists, we ought to take the *Recorder*—it is our organ, it represents our principles—it is set for the propagation and defence of the truth as we hold it. If, then, that truth is dear to us—if the truths we hold are of priceless value to the world—we should surely sustain so potent an agency as this for their extension.

5. Our piety will be promoted by reading the *Recorder*. It contains the best thoughts of many of our best men—and there you can find sermons, essays, expositions of Scripture, with many valuable opinions on the most important questions of practical life.

6. The *Reeorder* morover, is the great bond of union between the brethren of the State. It makes them acquainted with each other, and unites their hearts, their prayers and their efforts in our general enterprises. No one can properly estimate the value of this paper in promoting harmony in our Zion, and for this, if for no other cause, we should labor to increase its circulation.

7. We present as our seventh and last reason that it is a most excellent journal, representing our own interests, and remarkably cheap, and that therefore whatever other papers we may take, this should take precedence of all others in our affections and support.

Your committee would also recommend as worthy of our patronage, the *ForeignMissionJournal*, of Richmond, and *Kind Words*, our Sunday School paper.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
W. STELL,
J. J. RANES,
Committee.

After remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. S. Purefoy, J. D. Hufham and Bro. W. H. Pace, the report is adopted.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

Friday, July 27th, 1877.

The congregation sings: "Am I a soldier of the Cross."

Letters from Mt. Vernon and New Bethel Churches are read.

The report on State Missions is taken up, and after remarks by Elders J. B. Richardson, J. D. Hufham, J. S. Purefoy and Bro. W. H. Pace, the report is adopted.

A collection amounting to $23.40 is taken up and paid over to the Committee on Finance.

Bro. J. E. Ray reads the

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The reports from the churches show quite an increase in this department. In 1873, in the bounds of this Association, there were only nine Sunday Schools with an aggregate attendance of 785. Last year 21 schools with an attendance of 1,933 were reported, three churches having no schools. This year, 18 churches with a membership of 2,400 report 25 schools with an average attendance of 2,221. Every church has at least one school.

The contributions sent up by the Sunday Schools this year are far larger than ever before. This, perhaps, is due to the Little Leader plan, inaugurated by the Sunday School Board, located at Raleigh. We would heartily recommend this plan to all the Sunday Schools of the Association as best suited to raising money for furnishing outfits for schools.

There are many of our church members who take no part in this noble work—leading little ones to Jesus. We should not be satisfied until every

christian, who can, is actively engaged in the Sunday School, believing that the great work before us is to train the boys and girls to esteem it a duty and privilege to devote themselves to this noble and ennobling enterprise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. RAY,
B. B. BUFFALOE,
W. J. SUIT,
Committee.

After remarks by Elders C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall and Brethren J. E. Ray, W. H. Pace and L. R. Mills, the report is adopted.

Bro. W. H. Mitchell reads the

REPORT ON FINANCE.

	Minute Fund.	Fore'gn Mis'ions	State Mis'ions	Education.
Brassfields,	$ 3 00	.....	.....	.....
Flat Rock,	3 01	90	95	
Forestville,	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Franklinton,	1 50	.....	.....	.....
*Hopkins' Chapel,	2 00	1 75	1 75	1 75
Midway,	1 50	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Vernon,	3 50	.....	.....	.....
New Bethel,	3 00	.....	.....	.....
New Hope,	2 50	.....	.....	.....
Perry's Chapel,	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Raleigh,	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Rolesville,	3 40	.....	.....	.....
Wake X Roads,	3 25	.....	.....	.....
Wake Forest,	2 25	.....	.....	.....
Wake Union,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Woodland,	2 00	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove,	1 00	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch,	2 40	.....	.....	.....
Collection July 27th,	.....	.....	18 40	.....
J. C. Leigh,	.....	.....	5 00	.....
	$ 45 31	2 65	26 10	1 75

W. H. MITCHELL,
P. A. DUNN,
T. J. CROCKER,
Committee.

*Amounts opposite Hopkins' Chapel were not reported by the Committee, the letter not having been received when the report was made. The Clerk inserts them.

The report is laid upon the table until 9½ A. M., to-morrow.

Bro. G. B. Allen offers the report on

PLACE AND PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

PLACE.—Franklinton.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Elder C. E. Taylor; Alternate, Elder J. S. Purefoy.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Elder W. M. Wingate; Alternate, Elder A. F. Purefoy.

On motion, the Clerk is requested to report Sunday School Statistics in the minutes.

The Association adjourns, Elder J. P. Pritchard leading in prayer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 28th, 1877.

The congregation sings, "Soldiers of Christ arise." Elder Amos Weaver leads in prayer.

The report of the committee on Finance is taken up, and, after remarks by Brethren P. A. Dunn and John Armstrong, is adopted.

Preaching at the stand is dispensed with for to-day.

Brethren N. B. Broughton of the Raleigh Association, and J. W. Denmark of the Eastern, are invited to participate in our deliberations.

Elder W. B. Royall reads the

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

At the last session of the Association, the Board of Education was reported as due the Treasurer of the Convention $609.87. Adding to this $200 due in other directions, the entire debt amounted to more than $800. In September following, Prof. L. R. Mills was appointed Agent of the Board. Through his endeavors and the efforts of Subordinate Agencies, appointed by his recommendation, collections have been made to the amount of over $1,900. The indebtedness of the Board has been paid and ten young men have been sustained at College.

The resources of the Board are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the past session. Vigorous measures will have to be adopted to prepare for carrying on the work another year. Some of the churches of this Association have contributed with commendable liberality to this cause; others have done moderately well; while others still have done nothing.

Your Committee feel that the importance and magnitude of this work demand that it should have at least an equal showing with the other departments of christian effort, and we can but express the hope that the delegates from those churches that have contributed little or nothing, will return to their churches determined that they shall not be behind in their contributions for this object.

W. B. ROYALL,
J. S. JOYNER,
P. WIGGINS,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Elders W. B. Royall, J. R. Jones, J. B. Richardson, T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Hufham, C. E. Taylor and Brethren P. A. Dunn and L. R. Mills. During the discussion, the delegates from Mt. Vernon and Forestville churches pledge their churches to support Rev. W. T. Lewellyn at College if received by the Board of Education.

The report is adopted.

Bro. P. A. Dunn reads the

REPORT ON THE ENDOWMENT OF WAKE FOREST.

The Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College is seeking to endow six separate Chairs or Professorships with $20,000 each. One of these is the Raleigh Chair which embraces the churches in Raleigh and in the Central Association. Two-thirds of the amount has been subscribed or paid by the brethren in Raleigh and at the College. It is now desired to raise the remaining amount from the brethren of the other churches; and we recommend this great work to the liberality of our churches. The only object of an endowment is to cheapen education and this cause therefore commends itself to the attention and assistance of all.

P. A. DUNN,
J. S. PUREFOY,
C. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

Remarks are made by Elders C. E. Taylor and J. S. Purefoy.

The Association adjourns till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 28th, 1877.

The congregation sings, "Just as I am, without one plea."

The Clerk reads a letter from Hopkins' Chapel, sending up $2 for Minute Fund and $5.25 for the different objects of the Convention. On motion, it is ordered that the $5.25 sent up by Hopkins' Chapel be given to Foreign Missions, State Missions and Ministerial Education.

The Association resumes the consideration of the endowment of Wake Forest. Remarks are made by Bro. N. B. Broughton, Elders J. D. Hufham, T. H. Pritchard and J. S. Purefoy. The report is adopted.

Elder C. E. Taylor reads the

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At the last meeting of this Association it was resolved to raise within the bounds of our body one half of the salary of Rev. Matthew T. Yates,

Missionary to China. The amount reported by the letters of the churches as raised for this purpose is $414.96. This is about 20 cents each for the members of the Association. Of this amount $406.79 was raised by five churches, being about 50 cents per member. The remaining 13 churches report $8.17, which is about ⅔ of a cent each for their 1,278 members.

It becomes, therefore, the duty of your committee to make the humiliating confession that our resolution has not been redeemed, and that our effort has been a failure. The last year, it is true, has been one of unusual scarcity of money, but it is also true that there has been little or no diminution of expenses among our people for dress or living. We believe that the true cause of this failure is the lack of information among our people. Those who truly love the Saviour cannot refuse to aid in extending his kingdom on earth, when they know how it may be done by their labors or sacrifices. But we can feel no interest in that of which we have no knowledge. The great majority of our people know but little of our Missionary operations at home or abroad. We therefore recommend that our pastors seek both in public and in private to inform their people in regard to the current news of our Missionary enterprises, and that regular collections be taken for this cause in all our churches.

C. E. TAYLOR,
J. BROUGHTON,
C. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Remarks by Elders C. E. Taylor, T. H. Pritchard, J. D. Hufham, Amos Weaver and Bro. L. R. Mills. During the discussion churches and individuals pledge the amount of the deficit as follows:

Salisbury St Baptist Church,	$50 00
Franklinton Church,	15 00
Forestville "	25 00
Mt. Vernon "	15 00
Wake X Roads "	10 00
New Hope "	10 00
Rolesville "	10 00
L. R. Mills, C. E. Taylor, W. B. Royall and Mrs. Dora Dunn, each $10,	$40 00
J. S. Purefoy and L. C. Dunn, each $5,	10 00
Total,	$185 00

(The amounts pledged above have all been paid; and the Clerk has added those sums, in the Statistical Tables, to the amounts reported in the letters of the churches.)

On motion, the report is adopted.

Elder J. W. Denmark explains the object and aim of the N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association. Remarks on the same subject are made by Elders T. H. Pritchard and J. D. Hufham.

On motion, brethren J. E. Ray, C. W. Scarborough and J. R. Jones are appointed to arrange and hold Sunday School Institutes within the bounds of the Association during the coming year.

The Clerk is ordered to have five hundred copies of the minutes printed.

The Clerk is allowed ten dollars for his services.

Elder Purefoy reads the

HISTORICAL REPORT.

The Central Association was organized Oct. 25th, 1860, at Forestville, with seven churches, viz: Flat Rock, Franklinton, and Wake Forest, from the Tar River Association; Brassfields from the Flat River; Mt. Vernon and New Hope, from the Raleigh; and Forestville, a newly formed church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Walters, from Prov. 23: 23: "Buy the truth and sell it not." The Committee to draft a Constitution and Rules of Order consisted of Elders W. T. Brooks, W. T. Walters, W. Royall, R. B. Jones and Bro. David Justice. The officers elected were, N. E. Cannady, Moderator; B. W. Justice, Clerk; and S. H. Dunn, Treasurer. Executive Board:—N. E. Cannady, F. M. Purefoy, B. W. Justice, W. H. Mitchell and J. J. Freeman.

The present number of churches is 18. The net gain during the past year was 90; total membership 2,517.

Rev. W. T. Walters died Dec. 31st, 1876, in the 54th year of his age. He was born in Virginia, but graduated at Wake Forest College in 1848, and was ordained to the work of the ministry soon after. He was tutor in the College for several years and was afterwards elected Professor of Mathematics, which position he filled until exercises were suspended in 1862. After the war he resigned and devoted himself to his farm and the ministry. From 1866 to 1869 he was Corresponding Secretary of the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and the record of these years show him to have been a man of firm executive ability and skill. We have hardly his superior left among us. His death was a great loss to his family, the Association and the State. He was one of the truest and best Trustees of our College—ever ready to do his duty by his labor or money. On his death bed he gave the College one thousand dollars for a scholarship. He was pastor of the churches in Weldon and Littleton for several years and aided them largely in building houses of worship. At the time of his death he was pastor of Whitestone Church in Nash County, and was laboring to build a new house of worship there also.

Bro. S. C. Eaves, of Flat Rock Church, has died also. He took a leading part in the Sabbath School and all the benevolent work of his church.

Deacon Michael Thompson, of Wake Union Church, died July 22d, 1877, in the 62nd year of his age. Bro. Thompson had been in feeble health for several years, and this prevented his attending our public meetings; but as long as he was able he attended his church punctually and aided with his counsels and prayers.

The pastor of New Hope Church announces that Dr. Pritchard will preach the Missionary Sermon in the house on Sunday morning, and that Elder Weaver will preach at the stand; at 2 P. M., a Sunday School Mass-meeting will be held.

Dr. Pritchard offers the following resolution:

Resolved, that we commend to the churches the N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association and its agent, Bro. J. W. Denmark, as worthy of the confidence and support of our people.

Resolution adopted.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are tendered to the brethren and sisters of New Hope Church for their bountiful hospitality shown the members of the Association.

The Association adjourns, Dr. T. H. Pritchard leading in prayer.

SUNDAY, July 29th, 1877.

At the Sunday School Mass-meeting, short addresses are delivered by Elders D. A. Glenn, J. R. Jones, J. S. Purefoy, brethren J. E. Ray and J. S. Allen.

Dr. Pritchard preaches the Missionary Sermon from 1 Tim. 3: 5. Collection $12.17.

At 2 P. M., Bro. J. S. Allen opens the exercises of the Sunday School Institute by prayer. Short speeches are made by brethren W. H. Pace, A. F. Purefoy, John Armstrong, W. L. Wright, Amos Weaver, J. S. Allen, Daniel Scarborough, J. W. Denmark and J. E. Ray.

The Association adjourns to meet with the church at Franklinton on Thursday before the first fifth Sunday after the fourth Sunday in July, 1878.

N. E. CANNADY, MODERATOR.

L. R. MILLS, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Col'd members.	Total.
Brassfields,	D. A. Glenn,	N. E. Cannady,	Grissom,	3	..	..	2	..	2	84	..	84
Flat Rock,	A. F. Purefoy,	T. J. Crocker,	Pacific,	46	1	..	4	3	3	209	..	209
Franklinton,	C. A. Jenkens,	E. J. Ragsdale,	Franklinton,	5	..	3	1	3	..	62	1	63
Perry's Chapel,	W. J. Fulford,	R E. Gill,	Franklinton,	...	6	1	6	1	1	48	30	78
Mt. Vernon,	C. W. Scarborough,	J. D. Allen,	Neuse,	2	2	1	2	3	..	118	..	118
New Bethel,	D. A. Glenn,	W. A Jones,	Kelvin Grove,	13	..	2	17	1	..	173	..	173
Olive Branch,	W. J. R. Ford,	S. J. Allen,	Dayton,	28	9	..	1	1	..	79	..	79
Wake Union,	E. F. Beachum,	I. A. Winston,	Franklinton,	2	3	..	1	1	1	65	..	65
Woodland,	M. R. Pernell,	A. G. Lowry,	Forestville,	15	..	1	..	..	1	65	.	65
Forestville,	W. B. Royall,	L. Chappell,	Forestville,	8	4	1	3	1	2	73	..	73
Oak Grove,	J. C. Hocut,	J. J. Ranes,	Wake Forest,	9	1	.	1	..	..	30	..	30
Rolesville,	Amos Weaver,	J. R. Broughton,	Rolesville,	...	3	1	8	3	4	207	...	207
Wake Forest,	W. M. Wingate,	C. F. Reid,	Wake Forest,	1	..	..	6	1	...	72	..	72
Hopkins' Chapel,	A. F. Purefoy,	B. W. Ray,	Wakefield,	14	1	..	5	1	1	198	..	198
Midway,	C. W. Scarborough,	J. Y. Chappell,	Raleigh,	...	..	..	...	.	..	18	..	18
New Hope,	W. L Wright,	W. G. Riddick,	Raleigh,	. .	1	..	2	2	2	112	34	146
Raleigh,	T. H. Pritchard,	D. C. Dudley, Jr.,	Raleigh,	27	13	4	26	15	3	514	..	514
Wake X Roads,	J. R. Jones,	H. Watkins,	Rolesville,	1	2	..	2	1	..	153	2	155
Totals,				174	46	14	87	37	20	2280	67	2347

Tabular Statement of Funds reported in Church Letters, including the Report of the Committee on Finance.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Expenses.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions	Sunday Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
Brassfields,	$ 100 00	$.	$ 2 00	$ 26 52	$.	$.	$ 2 50	$ 21 00	$ 152 02
Flat Rock,	125 00			92	1 82		5 50	3 01	136 25
Franklinton,	300 00	25 00		15 00	10 00		40 00	1 50	291 50
Perry's Chapel,			75	1 25				1 00	3 00
Mt. Vernon,	150 00		9 80	35 25		73 00	36 15	37 70	341 90
New Bethel,	100 00							3 00	103 00
Olive Branch,	75 00							2 40	77 40
Wake Union,	127 00		17 36	24 85			50 00	22 00	241 21
Woodland,								2 00	2 00
Forestville,	300 00	18 65	8 65	85 62		20 00	15 00	14 75	462 67
Oak Grove,	50 00	3 75				3 80		1 00	58 55
Rolesville,	125 00			10 00		28 00		10 40	173 40
Wake Forest,	200 00	67 00	45 00	130 00	45 00	38 36	115 00	17 25	657 61
Hopkin's Chapel,			1 75	1 75			26 75	2 00	32 25
Midway,	50 00						12 00	9 00	71 00
New Hope,	125 00		89	10 00		2 24	33 22	27 50	198 85
Raleigh,	2,500 00	604 25	218 75	250 00		377 50	272 00	1,363 76	5,586 36
Wake X Roads,	100 00	6 95	6 75	12 00			27 30	3 25	156 25
Collections at Association,			26 44	3 04		3 04	3 05		35 57
	$ 4,427 00	$ 725 60	$ 338 14	$ 606 20	$ 56 82	$ 545 94	$ 638 47	$ 1,542 62	$ 8,880 79

Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	Number of Schools.	Average Attendance.
Brassfields,	2	120
Flat Rock,	1	73
Forestville,	1	60
Franklinton,	1	75
Hopkins' Chapel,	3	187
Mt. Vernon,	4	228
Midway,	1	88
New Bethel,	1	80
New Hope,	2	56
Oak Grove,	1	60
Olive Branch,	1	104
Perry's Chapel,	1	60
Raleigh,	1	600
Rolesville,	1	114
Wake X Roads,	1	140
Wake Forest,	1	100
Wake Union,	1	36
Woodland,	1	40
Total,	25	2,221

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be denominated and known as the "CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. II. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity to the New Testament.

ART. III. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches connected with it—each church being entitled to five delegates. Ministers who are members of the churches connected with this body shall be considered members of this Association, *ex-officio.*

ART. IV. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of the church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. V. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Historian, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, a plurality of votes constituting an election in each case, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected; and it shall be the duty of the Historian to report annually.

ART. VI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion concerning any subject under discussion after others have spoken, or when called upon, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. VII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

ART. VIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make, to the Association, an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. IX. The Association may annually appoint an Fxecutive Board of five members, which shall have the superintendence of Associational Missions and Colportage and such other objects as may be entrusted to them by the Association. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the intervals between the meetings of this body; and they shall make the Association an annual report of their doings.

ART. X. Any church desiring to become a member of this body, shall present her petition at an annual session of the Association, through delegates appointed for that purpose, and if the Association shall consent to receive her, the Moderator shall extend to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

ART. XI The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of her churches that neglect to preserve gospel order.

ART. XII. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

ART. XIII. The annual session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the first fifth Sabbath after the fourth Sabbath in July, at such place as the Association may select.

ART. XIV. By appointment of the Association, there shall be preached during each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. XV. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is chosen. In case of the absence of the Moderator, a Moderator *pro tem.* shall be chosen by the Association.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by such person as the Moderator may designate.

3. At each daily session the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous session be read before entering on the regular business of the day.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak, shall arise and address the Moderator.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on any subject, without permission from the Association.

7. All motions, which are seconded, shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion without the consent of the Association

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be considered, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated

10. After a motion is decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration

11. All questions, except such as relate to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to determine what subjects shall be admitted to its consideration.

13. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

14. These Rules of Order may be amended or altered at any session of the Association, by a majority

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Mt. Zion Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Olive's Chapel, Wake County, N. C.,

August 28th, 29th & 30th, 1877.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
SEPTEMBER, 1877.

Officers of the Mt. Zion Association.

Elder John C. Wilson, Moderator, Merry Oaks, N. C.
C. R. Scott, Clerk, Green Level, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

George W. Purefoy,	Chapel Hill,	North	Carolina.
James P. Mason,	" "	"	"
John C. Wilson,	Merry Oaks,	"	"
Samuel Baldwin,	Snipe's Store,	"	"
Jesse Howell,	Green Level,	"	"
Richard A. Patterson,	Oaks,	"	"
George P. Moore,	Pittsboro',	"	"
W. B. Harrell,	Hillsboro',	"	"
J. H. Vernon,	Cedar Grove,	"	"
C. Durham,	Durham,	"	"
A. C. Dixon,	Chapel Hill,	"	"
J. H. Freeman,	Durham,	"	"

PROCEEDINGS.

OLIVE'S CHAPEL, Wake Co., N. C.,
Tuesday, August 28th, 1877.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Association held its Eighth Annual meeting with the church at Olive's Chapel, Wake County, N. C., commencing on Tuesday the 28th day of August, 1877.

Elder C. Durham preached the Introductory Sermon from John 8th chapter and parts 46th and 32nd verses: "And if I say the truth why do ye not believe me?" "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The congregation was dismissed for 40 minutes.

TUESDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Association re-assembled.

Religious exercises and prayer, Elder W. B. Harrell leading.

Elders W. B. Harrell and A. C. Dixon requested to act as Reading Clerks.

The Churches were then called, and their letters read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—D. M. Durham, A. P. Stroud and W. H. Copeland.
Bethel—Thomas Booker, R. P. Poe, Lycurgus B. Loyd and O. P. Cates.
Berea—W. C. Mason and L. M. Hurst.
Cane Creek—Wm. Cheek, John E. Cates and H. M. Cates.
Chapel Hill—W. G. Weaver, H. P. Smith, Winfield Weaver and Wm. D. Weaver.

Graham.—W. A. Albright and John Underwood.
Hillsboro—Elder W. B. Harrell.
Lystra—Y. A. Oldham, W. T. Sparrow and J. C. Horton.
Mt. Carmel—M. B. Merriott and A. Daniel.
Mt. Pisgah—H. Sears, A. Johnson, C. R. Scott and J. N. Yates.
Mt. Moriah—A. B. Couch.
Mt. Gilead—A. S. Garner, L. M. Hackney, J. W. Hackney and M. Seymore.
Mt. Hermon—Alvis Durham and H. Pickett.
Olive's Chapel—E. Council, Cater Olive, W. S. Jenks and Merrill Olive, Sr.
Pleasant Grove—L. H. Harward, M. T. Horton, R. C. Council and E. H. Holleman.
Durham—T. J. Riggsbee, J. W. Woods and J. C. Anderson.
Arm of the Durham Church.—S. H. Pickett and W. J. Lee.
Sandy Level—W. E. Glenn.
Trade's Hill—Jasper Mitchell, B. M. Poe, Alfred Johnson and Thos. L. Lassiter.
Belvin—Mark Durham.
Mars Hill—Stephen Cates.

Ministers present, members of this Association, to-wit: J. C. Wilson, J. P. Mason, W. B. Harrell, C. Durham, A. C. Dixon, Jesse Howell and J. H. Vernon.

The Association proceeded to the election of a Moderator by appointing Elders W. B. Harrell and A. C. Dixon tellers, who reported Elder J. C. Wilson elected.

A letter of resignation was read from H. M. C. Stroud, our former Clerk, and,

On motion, his resignation was accepted.

On motion, the Association proceeded to an election for Clerk, by appointing Elders W. B. Harrell and A. C. Dixon tellers, who reported C. R. Scott elected.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seats with us: Elders M. V. McDuffie, from the Central Association; Elder E. Dodson, from the Marion Board, Agent for Home and Indian Missions; Elder J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board; Elder A. D. Blackwood, and Brethren D. B. Holland, Moderator of the Raleigh Association, Sion Beckwith and J. T. Blackwood, from the

Raleigh Association, accepted the invitation and took seats with us.

On motion, the Association adopted the Order of Business for last year, to-wit:

1st. The Association shall meet at 9:30 o'clock, A. M. Take recess from 12 to 1 o'clock P. M.
2nd. Call roll of delegates.
3rd. Read and correct, if necessary, the minutes of the preceding day.
4th. Read Constitution and Rules of Order on Wednesday morning.
5th. Extend invitation to visiting brethren.
6th. Call for queries.
7th. Appoint the following Committees:
On Finance.
On Education.
On Periodicals.
On Sunday Schools.
On State Missions.
On Foreign Missions.
On Time and Place and stated service of next meeting.
8th. Call for Reports of Correspondents.
9th. Appoint Correspondents to sister Associations.
10th. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
11th. Call for Reports.
12th. Take up other business as it may present, &c.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Olive's Chapel Church were appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises during the session of this Association, except the appointments already made.

The following Committees were announced by the Moderator, to-wit:

On Finance—Alvis Durham and R. G. Council.

On Education—Elders C. Durham, Brethren Thomas Riggsbee and Y. A. Oldham.

On Periodicals—Elder W. B. Harrell, Bros. A. Garner and H. Sears.

On Sunday Schools.—Elders A. C. Dixon, Jesse Howell and G. P. Moore.

On State Missions.—Elder J. B. Richardson, Bros. J. W. Hackney and Wm. Cheek.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder A. D. Blackwood, Bros. W. C. Mason and Wm. Albright.

On Time, Place and Stated Services of Next Meeting.—Elder W. B. Harrell, Bros. Thomas Booker and A. Daniel.

On Revision of the Constitution.—Elders C. Durham, W. B. Harrell and A. C. Dixon.

On Home and Indian Missions.—Elders E. Dodson, M. V. McDuffie and D. B. Holland.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder A. C. Dixon.

WEDNESDAY, 9½ o'clock A. M., Aug. 29th, 1877.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and corrected.

Constitution and Rules of Order read.

Visiting Brethren again invited to seats: Elders C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, J. S. Purefoy, Agent for the Endowment of Wake Forest College, from the Central Association; J. W. F. Rogers, S. W. Mitchell, Johnson Olive and T. Harrison, from the Raleigh Association; and Bros. R. S. Andrews and M. C. Olive, from the Sandy Creek Association, accepted the invitiation.

The Committee submitted the following report on the Revision of the Constitution:

REPORT ON CONSTITUTION.

ART. 4. The letters from the churches shall state the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded and died during the past year, the total number in fellowship; and the amount paid as Pastor's salaries, incidental expenses, minute fund, for the poor, State, Foreign and Indian missions, education, Oxford Orphan Asylum, Sabbath Schools. These and all other matters of finance connected with the churches, and the number of copies of the *Biblical Recorder* taken by the churches and these facts shall be published in the minutes.

C. DURHAM, *Chairman.*

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elder C. Durham. Report adopted.

On motion, Elder A. C. Dixon was allowed to take up a collection for Graham Church, amounting to $62.00.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of the Master is to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Heathen nations compose a part of all the world and the inhabitants of these nations are a part of all creation. Therefore the command is to go and preach the Gospel to unchristian and heathen nations. The preaching of the Gospel is the means that God has instituted to save sinners, for faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God, and how can they hear without a preacher and how can they preach except they be sent—sent of God and sent by the churches to proclaim the truth in the hearing of these creatures or they must live in sin and idolatry and go down to everlasting punishment. The truth alone can free them from the dominion of sin and eternal death. For if the truth make them free they shall be free indeed. But who is to preach this truth ? Evidently not the preachers alone but every christian should preach the truth by aiding with their means in supporting missionaries in foreign lands. If any refuse or neglect to do this how can they obey the command of the Master and stand acquitted before God in the judgment.

There is great encouragement to obey this broad command and preach the Gospel to every creature and especially in heathen countries. The labors in Burmah in about fifty years have resulted in twenty-five Baptist Associations with a probable membership of twelve hundred to each Association, making a living membership of thirty thousand where there was not a convert fifty years ago. Other foreign fields have a proportionable result. It is estimated that for every dollar spent on foreign missions there has been three souls converted to one in our country with the same expenditure. With such encouragement let every one renew their diligence in the work and especially would we urge the sisters to put their hands to the work of redeeming their sex from slavery, for the wife among idolatrous nations is regarded a slave and such a misfortune to be a daughter that she is never spoken of as a child.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. D. BLACKWOOD,
W. A. ALBRIGHT,
W. C. MASON,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elders J. B. Richardson, C. Durham, E. Dodson and Johnson Olive. Report adopted.

Committee on Periodicals reported :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

It is the duty of our people to keep themselves informed of the progress of God's truth in the earth, and to be alive to the interest of religion and christian labor in every department of our zion ; and we know of no better means of ascertaining the things needful to be known and of keeping abreast with the cause of Christ both at home and abroad than is to be found in the columns of the religious newspaper, therefore,

Resolved, That as Baptists we will endeavor to extend the circulation of our own State journal, the *Biblical Recorder* among our brethren as far as possible, both by subscribing for it ourselves and by persuading others to do the same. We would also recommend as an excellent little visitor to the Sunday-schools of our churches *Kind Words*, as being sound in doctrine and worthy of large support.

W. B. HARRELL,
A. S. GARNER,
H. SEARS,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elders C. T. Bailey, E. Dodson, J. S. Purefoy and J. B. Richardson.

The Association then adjourned until 1 o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Further remarks were submitted by Elder T. Harrison on Periodicals. Report adopted.

Committee on Time and Place, &c., of the next Association, reported :

Bethel Church, Orange County, as the place and Tuesday before the first

Sunday in September 1878, as the time ; Elder A. C. Dixon to preach the introductory and Elder C. Durham the missionary sermon.

On motion, the Association agreed to adjourn to-morrow at 11 o'clock, to hear the Missionary Sermon.

On motion, the Association agreed to adjourn hereafter on Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, to hear the Missionary Sermon.

The Committee submitted the following on Education :

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Youth is the season to secure an education since in youth the mind more readily receives and more permanently retains impressions. It is then that the elements are formed which compose the subsequent character and decide the future life of the individual. In youth one has time to devote to study which cannot be enjoyed in the cares and business of mature years. If the young have the advantages of an education they must be furnished by parents. Upon them devolves the responsibility of deciding the character and culture of those who are to take their places in the next generation.

Education is not only a means of usefulness but a source of pleasure. They are unfaithful to their trust who fails to give to their children the best possible advantages within their means for an education. And it is a duty of most solemn import that he should see to it that these advantages should not be without, or independent of such religious influence as are in accordance with Scripture truths. Baptists ought to educate their children and they must do it in their own schools and under Baptist teachers. For young men Wake Forest College, and for young ladies the Raleigh Baptist Female Seminary furnishes opportunities for intellectual culture under sound and safe religious influences.

We would call the attention of the brethren and commend to their liberality the support of our beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

The Committee submit the following resolutions with their report:

Resolved, 1st, That it is with pleasure we learn that the Trustees of Wake Forest College propose to raise five Professorships of $20,000 each in this State.

Resolved, 2*nd*, That we recommend that the churches of this Association unite with the Tar River, Flat River and Beulah Associations in raising $20,000 for a Professorship.

Resolved, 3*rd*, That we recommend that the brethren of the Mt. Zion Association raise five thousand dollars as our part of said Professorship.

C. DURHAM.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elders J. S. Purefoy, J. B. Richardson, E. Dodson and C. Durham,

Pending the motion to adopt, a collection was taken up for the Beneficiaries at Wake Forest College, amounting to $2.94 in cash and five sacks of flour. Report adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported :

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is gratifying to state that most of our churches report flourishing Sunday Schools. We regret, however, that some suspend during the winter. Should christians go into winter quarters while their enemies are in the field and most busily engaged, as is the case, during the winter season ? We would urge upon the churches the importances of making their houses comfortable, and keeping up Sunday Schools during the entire year. The hope of our churches is, under God, in the children, and if we wish them to grow up firm Baptists and liberal with their means, we must instruct them in the doctrines of the Bible and teach them the blessedness of giving. The place in which to do this is the Sunday School.

A. C. DIXON,
JESSE HOWELL,
G. P. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elders A. C. Dixon, E. Dodson, C. Durham and A. D. Blackwood. Report adopted.

The Association adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer, Elder J. S. Purefoy leading.

THURSDAY, 9½ o'clock A. M., Aug. 30th, 1877.

The Association met.

Religious exercises by Elder A. D. Blackwood.

The Association was called to order by Elder J. P. Mason acting Moderator.

Roll called.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.
Committee on State Missions reported:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Great has been the progress of Baptist principles in North Carolina since the year 1784. Though they were first introduced in the year 1727, and the first church then organized, yet owing to the rigid and persecuting laws of our State but little aid could they obtain among the people. Since our independence, however, great has been the growth of the Baptists. In 1874, we had but 42 churches, 47 ministers and 3,276 communicants, now there are not less than 1,442 churches, 793 ministers and 137,000 members of the regular Baptists.

The first Mission Board in North Carolina was organized in 1805, since this date we have been pushing State Missions, till to-day, at least, one-fourth of our population is baptistic in sentiment; while our influence and labors have extended far beyond the limits of our commonwealth. Wherever our principles have been firmly planted it has been the result of Missionary effort. The Mission Board is doing but little this year for lack of the necessary funds, and yet it is successfully laboring at Salisbury, Statesville, Dallas, Gastonia, Polkton, Rockingham and Morganton, with their surrounding country. Also one Missionary in Tyrrell county, while some Associotions are supporting Missionaries within their own bounds independent of any aid from the State Board. While much is being done, yet we should feel ashamed that we are not doing more, especially when we view the great field ripe to harvest. Not less than one hundred destitute sections, and centres of influence, are now calling for the truth as we hold it. On our own borders, as an Association, a vast field stands open to us. Graham and all the surrounding country is missionary ground to the Baptists. We are well able to occupy these fields and every destitute section within the bounds of North Carolina, but we have not the spirit to go forward and reap the harvest for our Great Redeemer.

J. B. RICHARDSON,
J. W. HACKNEY,
WM. CHEEK,
Committee.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elders E. Dodson, Johnson Olive, J. S. Purefoy, C. Durham, J. W. F. Rogers, J. B. Richardson and Bro. Mark Durham. Report adopted.

The Association then repaired to the Stand to hear the

Missionary Sermon preached by Elder A. C. Dixon, from Acts 16 : 9 ; and Colossians 3 : 5. "Come over into Macedonia and help us." "Covetousness, which is idolatry."

After which, a collection was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to $19.33.

THURSDAY, 1 o'clock P. M.

The Moderator called the Association to order.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received from the Churches on Foreign Missions,.....	$ 14 24
" " " " Sunday Schools,.....	1 49
" " " " State Missions,.	43 73
" " " " Education,.....	1 88
" " " " Minute Fund,.....	48 15
By cash paid Treasurer,.....	$ 109 49

On motion, Elder J. P. Mason and J. H. Vernon were appointed a Committee to report Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Committee on Home and Indian Missions reported:

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

This Board was organized in 1845, and embraces the destitution of all the Southern States and the Indian Territory. The Baptists have worked well in the country and deserve a great deal of credit for the same. But they have neglected towns. The Apostles as well as Christ went first into Towns. Every epistle in the New Testament (except one to the Gallatians) addressed to places was directed to towns. This Board, to a considerable extent, has corrected this mistake. It has assisted many towns. In the Collisseum Place Church in New Orleans, where the Southern Baptist Convention was held in 1877 was built up by this Board, as well as Third Church in St. Louis, where the Southern Baptist Convention was held in

1871. The Leigh Street Church, Richmond, Va., was built up by this Board. It assisted Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Newbern, Edenton, Elizabeth City, as well as places in the country, have been helped by this Board. Raleigh was helped from 1845 to 1852, when the church become self-supporting. In 1859 this Board gave to North Carolina $1,200 and received only $60. In 1846, when the Missionaries of this Board went to Texas, there were about 400 Baptists, now there are about 60,000, with 2 Colleges and 1 University in progress. In States where there are but few Baptists, and many foreigners coming in, it is a very great blessing. It is a great benefit to all the South. Since 1845 the Missionaries of this Board have baptized over 35,000 persons. In the Indian Territory Bro. Buckner has baptized over 3,000. Others have baptized many. This Board being a helper to all the States, and everything to Indian Territory, should receive our cordial support. E. DODSON.

On motion to adopt, remarks were submitted by Elder E. Dodson. Report adopted.

Committee to appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported the following:

Elder G. P. Moore, Bros. J. W. Hackney, P. H. Smith, John Cheek, H. C. Andrews, A. J. McDade, H. P. Smith, W. A. Albright and W. T. Patterson.

Correspondents to sister Associations reported:

Elders J. H. Vernon, W. B. Harrell and Bro. W. A. Albright attended the Beulah.

Raleigh, Central, Flat River and Sandy Creek Associations no attendance reported.

Appointed Correspondents to sister Associations as follows:

To Beulah—Elders J. H. Vernon and W. B. Harrell.

To Sandy Creek—Elder G. P. Moore and Bro. J. W. Hackney.

To Raleigh—Bro. Wm. Cheek, Elder J. C. Wilson, Bro. A. J. McDade, Elders C. Durham and Jesse Howell.

To Central—Elders J. P. Mason, J. C. Wilson, A. C. Dixon, and C. Durham and Bro. Mark Durham.

To Flat River—Elder J. H. Vernon, Bros. Mark Durham and E. Glenn.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay the contributions for Sunday Schools, Foreign Missions and State Missions to Elder J. B. Richardson; and the contributions for Education to Elder J. S. Purefoy.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ASSOCIATION.

C. R. Scott, Treasurer,

In Account with Mt. Zion Association.

1877.	DR.		
Aug. 30.	Received from the Finance Committee,.....		$ 109 49
	Collection for Education, Wednesday, 29th,....		2 93
	" " Foreign Missions, Thursday, 30th		19 33
			$ 131 75
	CR.		
	By cash paid J. B. Richardson for F. M.,.....$	33 57	
	" " " " " " S. S. M.,.....	1 49	
	" " " " " " State Mission	43 73	
	" " " J. S. Purefoy for Education,.....	4 81	
	" " " Clerk of Association,.....	10 00	
	" " " Printing Minutes,.....	38 15	
			$ 131 75

C. R. SCOTT, *Treasurer.*

On motion, the Clerk was directed to have published in the minutes which Sunday or Sundays in each month the different churchus in the bounds of this Association had preaching.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to pay himself $10.00 for his services, and have the minutes printed with the balance of the Association fund, and distribute to the churches in proportion to the amount sent up by each.

On motion, the following resolution, offered by Elder Jesse Howell, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Delegates to this Association be requested to bring the interest of the Baptist cause, at Graham, before their churches and secure all that the brethren, sisters and friends can give to this object.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Vernon.

So closed the Eighth Session of the Mt. Zion Baptist Association.

J. C. WILSON, MODERATOR.

C. R. SCOTT, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by let.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Sunday Schools.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Education.	Associational Fund.
Antioch,	M. S. Ferrell,	Weldon M. Stroud,	2d,	4	1	2	3	..	3	108	$. ..	$ 2 65	$ 2 65	$.	$ 2 50
Bethel,	J. P. Mason,	Sidney C. Durham,	4th,	....	4	..	1	3	..	142	.....	.....	7 10	.....	3 00
Berea,	M. S. Ferrell,	G. A. Barbee,	4th,	...	..	..	3	1	..	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 35
Cane Creek,	J. P. Mason,	D. M. Sikes,	3d,	1	..	..	7	...	5	291	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Chapel Hill,	A. C. Dixon,	A. J. McDade,	ev'y	12	4	1	3	4	1	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Belvin,	R. A. Patterson,	Jas. S. Durham,	4th,	8	1	2	..	...	1	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Graham,	W. B. Harrell,	Jas. A. Graham,	1, 3,	...	5	..	..	1	1	22	1 49	1 49	1 49	1 88	1 50
Hillsboro',	W. B. Harrell,	J. M. Blackwood,	2, 4,	9	..	..	5	1	2	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Lystra,	J. P. Mason,	Y. A. Oldham,	1st,	....	2	..	5	1	1	147	.....	.....	68	.....	1 50
Mt. Carmel,	R. A. Patterson,	Marion Cheek,	3d,	....	8	..	4	3	1	116	.....	4 75	4 75	.....	2 50
Mt. Pisgah,	J. C. Wilson,	J. W. Beavers,	4th,	....	2	..	6	2	2	255	.....	.....	14 25	.....	4 50
Mt. Moriah,	M. S. Ferrell,	W. T. Patterson,	3d,	....	1	..	1	..	..	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mt. Gillead,	J. C. Wilson,	J. Q. Briant,	3d,	....	4	..	5	1	2	102	.....	3 70	3 70	.....	2 00
Mt. Hermon,	J. H. Freeman,	A. C. Hunter,	1, 3	9	3	1	1	3	3	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Mars Hill,	J. H. Vernon,	Jesse Miller,	2d,	8	..	..	6	..	1	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Olive's Chapel,	Johnson Olive,	H. J. Barker,	3d,	17	2	..	10	4	1	194	.....	1 65	1 65	.....	2 50
Pleasant Grove,	G. P. Moore,	R. C. Council,	1st,	....	5	..	..	..	..	115	.....	.....	85	.....	3 00
Durham,	C. Durham,	A. C. Watts,	ev'y	30	4	1	15	1	2	213	.....	.....	6 61	.....	4 30
Arm of Durham,	.....	.....	....	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Sandy Level,	Jesse Howell,	W. A. J. Rocell,	1st,	...	3	..	..	1	1	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Trades' Hill,	J. C. Wilson,	T. L. Lassater,	2d,	3	4	...	..	2	..	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
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MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Salem Baptist Association,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH

Gash's Creek Church, Buncombe County, N. C.,

August 30th & 31st, and September 1st & 2d, 1877.

COMPILED BY

C. M. WILLIAMS, Clerk, Asheville, N. C.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
October, 1877.

Officers of Salem Association.

Elder D. B. NELSON, Moderator, Hendersonville.
COLUMBUS M. WILLIAMS, Clerk, Asheville.
JOHNSON ASHWORTH, Treasurer, Fairview.
Eld. JOHN MITCHELL, D.D., Historian, Asheville.

Ordained Ministers in Salem Association.

Thomas Stradley,	Asheville, N. C.
John Mitchell, D. D.,	" "
John K. Connally,	" "
W. Wiley Wells,	" "
D. B. Nelson,	Hendersonviile, N. C.
N. Bowen,	" "
G. S. Jones,	" "
Wm. Mintz,	" "
F. M. Jordan,	" "
G. W. Brooks,	Cherryfield, N. C.
W. J. Wilkie,	Bear Wallow, N. C.
A. W. Beck,	Davidson's River, N. C.
E. Allison,	" " "
R. T. Jones,	Flat Rock, N. C.
E. Morgan,	Hominy Creek, N. C.
E. J. Morgan,	" " "
L. Y. Israel,	" " "

The next Annual Session of the Salem Association will be held with the Bear Wallow Church, Henderson county, on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, August 30th, 1877.

The Salem Baptist Association convened with the Church at Gash's Creek, Buncombe county.

At 11 A. M., Elder John K. Connally preached the Introductory Sermon. Text: "The entrance of thy words giveth light."—Psa. 119:130.

After a recess of 35 minutes, re-assembled, Elder D. B. Nelson, former Moderator in the chair. Sang "Nearer my God to Thee," and Elder John Mitchell led in prayer.

Appointed Elder W. Wiley Wells and Bro. Chas. E. Lee, Reading Clerks.

The following Churches presented letters, which were read and delegates enrolled:

Asheville.—Elder John Mitchell, D.D., J. L. Pleasant, C. C. Mathews, C. M. Williams.

Berea.—Wm. M. Porter, Francis Haynes, J. A. Porter, Wm. Wisenhunt.

Bear Wallow.—J. H. Freeman, J. B. Freeman, P. M. Freeman.

Brevard.—Wm. Aiken, J. H. Morgan, B. M. Glazener, V. M. Goodson.

Bent Creek.—Elder W. Wiley Wells, N. B. Creasman, R. P. Jones, E. H. Britt.

Broad River.—M. Owenby, C. G. Nanney, J. M. Hudgins.

Cane Creek.—Johnson Ashworth, John C. Mitchell, Henry Grant, J. E. Pinkerton.

French Broad.—Elder F. M. Jordan.

Gash's Creek.—J. M. Sales, J. F. Miller, J. M. Brookshire, J. R. Powers.

Hendersonville.—Elder D. B. Nelson, John Jordan, Chas. E. Lee.

Hominy.—Elder E. Morgan, Elder L. Y. Israel, P. R. Young.

Salem.—J. E. Young, J. T. Sales, R. T. Tow, J. R. Lance.

Hooper's Creek.—Elder Wm. Mintz, Wm. Youngblood, J. E. Garren, Wm. Garren.

Appointed J. M. Brookshire and J. A. Porter tellers, and balloted for officers with the following result:

Elder D. B. Nelson, Moderator; C. M. Williams, Clerk; Johnson Ashworth, Treasurer; Elder John Mitchell, D. D., Historian.

North Fork of Swannanoa Church presented a letter and petition for membership, and was received and delegates enrolled as follows: T. K. Brown and A. W. Walker.

Invited Messengers from sister Associations to seats and Elder Amos I. Justice reported from Newfound.

Transient ministers and brethren invited to seats. Accepted by Elder H. A. Brown of Beulah Association, and Bro. J. E. Ray, Cor. Sec. S. S. Board Baptist State Convention.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Home Missions.—Elder F. M. Jordan, Elder L. Y. Israel, J. H. Morgan.

On Foreign Missions.—Elder H. A. Brown, J. A. Porter, V. M. Goodson.

On Temperance.—Elder E. Morgan, J. M. Brookshire, R. T. Tow.

On the State of the Churches.—Elder W. Wiley Wells, J. H. Freeman, J. E. Young.

On Finance.—J. A. Porter, Chas. E. Lee.

On Order of Business.—Elders F. M. Jordan, John Mitchell, D.D., D. B. Nelson, and Brethren P. R. Young, John Jordan, J. E. Ray.

On Preaching.—John Jordan, B. M. Glazener, P. R. Young, with Pastor and Delegates of Gash's Creek Church.

On Time, Place, &c.—Elder W. Wiley Wells, Wm. Aiken, J. F. Miller.

On Education.—Elder John Mitchell, D.D., T. K. Brown, J. E. Ray.

On Periodicals.—Chas. E. Lee, J. E. Ray, Elder F. M. Jordan.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. L. Pleasant. J. E. Ray, Chas. E. Lee.

On motion agreed to meet at 9:30 A. M. to-morrow, and spend first half hour in devotional exercises. Adjourned.

Prayer and benediction by Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING, August 31st, 1877.

Met at 9:30 A. M. After spending half an hour in devo-

tional exercises the Moderator called the Association to order.

Delegates reported from two other churches as follows:

Enon.—H. C. Osborne, J. W. Orr.
Ebenezer.—Joseph Halbert, J. H. Fletcher.

Report on Order of Business read and adopted.

Report on Temperance read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance submit the following:

The Scriptures abound with admonitions to Temperance, and solemn warning to the drunkard. Our daily observation teaches us that the hydra-headed monster, Alcohol, is the most formidable enemy with which we have to contend.

We are not acquitted if we merely fail to connive at dram-drinking, but our duty is to press forward and fight this foe in the name of our Master, yielding no ground; nor should we relax our efforts till this adversary is driven from our land.

Respectfully submitted,

E. MORGAN, *Chairman.*

After remarks by Elder F. M. Jordan, Elder E. Morgan, P. R. Young and John Jordan, the report was adopted.

Suspended business at 11 o'clock to hear Elder Jordan preach. Prayer by Dr. Mitchell.

Intermission of one hour for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Re-assembled. Moderator absent. On motion called Elder F. M. Jordan to the chair and proceeded to business.

Treasurer reports no funds received.

Invitation renewed to Messengers from Sister Associations and the following reported:

From New Found.—Brethren Silas Frisbee, Jno. F. Alexander.
From French Broad.—Brethren N. T. Buckner, J. S. Hurst.

Further invitation extended transient brethren and accepted by Elder G. W. Purefoy, D.D., Mt. Zion Association; Elder N. A. Purefoy, Tar River Association; Elder M. V'B. Makamson, Catawba River Association.

Letter received from Beulah and delegates enrolled as follows:

Beulah.—E. L. Allen, H. D. Drake, Jesse Blythe.

Elder F. M. Jordan then read the following

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

The destitution within our bounds is lamentably great. The fields are white unto the harvest but the laborers are few. The Lord of the harvest has commanded us to ask Him to send laborers into the fields. And when he sends laborers he requires his people to support them. The laborer is worthy of his hire and the husbandman must be first partaker of the fruit. The ox that treads out the corn must not be muzzled. It is our duty to spread the Gospel so far as God has given us the means. We too often mistake covetousness for poverty, which always says, wait, and that "charity begins at home." We need more wise, prudent and faithful men to preach the Gospel and teach the people. Ignorance is a great foe to grace and the cloud that hangs over us is dark and portentious. Every Christian should inscribe on his banner, this Beautiful Land for Jesus.

There is doubtless a glorious future for Western North Carolina if God's host will but do their duty. No mission work done during the last year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

Remarks on this report by Elders Wells, Jordan, Mitchell, Nelson, Morgan and Brethren Wm. M. Porter, J. A. Porter, Chas. E. Lee.

On motion of Chas. E. Lee the report was recommitted in order to have a plan suggested for the disposition of Home Missions funds in the future.

Report of the committee on the State of the Churches read by Elder W. Wiley Wells:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committeee on the State of the Churches rejoice to say there has been a general improvement in the churches represented. Most all the churches seem to be encouraged, yet in a few there appears to be a coldness we very much lament. We are sorry to report, however, that there are five churches not represented, about whose spiritual condition your Committee is not well informed, and while we are glad to be able to report that some of that number are perhaps in working order, there are others in a deplorable state. One church, Concord, has had no pastor for four or five years, and we do not think they meet at all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WILEY WELLS,
J. E. YOUNG,
J. A. FREEMAN,
Committee.

Elder Wells made a practical speech on the report and it was adopted.

Report on Periodicals read by Chas. E. Lee:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report:

That in our opinion it is the duty of every man to improve the mind and talents that God has given him, and we believe that we can do this in no better way than by reading good newspapers. It is a lamentable fact that there are so few in our country who realize the importance of taking some good periodical. We do our children a great injustice by letting them grow up in ignorance while the means of obtaining knowledge and information are at our doors, and can be had for quite a small consideration.

Forty-two years ago the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, was put into existence by the Rev. Thos. Meredith. During this time it has often been in the storm, with adverse winds driving it almost to destruction; then again it has been sailing on the sea of prosperity, but we can truthfully say that in its long career of usefulness the Baptists of North Carolina have never given it the support it should have had.

Of a membership of 75,000 to 100,000, in North Carolina, only about 2,800 take the *Recorder*.

We would recommend and insist that every member of this Association

take our *own paper*, which is as good as the best, and should be the first patronized. It is ably edited and contributed to by our ablest men. Price, $2.10 a year.

We also recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., for the young. It is specially valuable as a lesson paper and should be taken by every Baptist School.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E LEE,
F. M. JORDAN,
J. E. RAY,
Committee.

Remarks by Bro. Lee, Elders Jordan and Mitchell commendatory of the *Recorder*. Dr. Mitchell called special attention to the fact that the *Recorder* COSTS ONLY ABOUT 4c. PER WEEK. Elder Jordan would rather go without his supper than miss getting the *Recorder*. Further remarks by brethren P. R. Yaung and John Jordan. Bro. Jordan just thinks he would want to die if he couldn't get the *Recorder*, or some other good religious paper to read. After which the report was adopted. At this point suspended the rules of order to give Bro. Chas. E. Lee an opportunity to get subscribers to the *Recorder*.

Resumed business. Report on Time, Place, &c., read by Elder Wells and adopted:

PLACE.—Bear Wallow Church, Henderson county.

TIME.—Thursday, 11 A. M., before 1st Sabbath in September, 1878.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Elder D. B. Nelson; Alternate Elder E. Morgan.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Elder F. M. Jordan; Alternate, Eld. John Mitchell, D. D.

Granted leave of absence to Johnson Ashworth, J. C. Mitchell, J. H. Freeman and J. B. Freeman, on to-morrow.

Adjourned till 9:30 A. M., to-morrow.

Benediction by Elder Jordan.

SATURDAY MORNING, September 1st, 1877.

Met according to adjournment. Engaged in devotional exercises half an hour. Association called to order by Moderator Nelson. Roll called and minutes of yesterday read.

Elder Thos. E. Skinner, D. D., Central Association of Georgia, accepted a seat in the Association.

Report of Committee on Education read by Dr. Mitchell:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

While we are thankful to be able to say that there is some interest, and perhaps an increasing interest, manifested in the great subject of Education, yet the interest felt is not at all commensurate to the importance of the subject. He is a wise and prudent parent who makes for his child a large investment in his head and heart. And our brethren need to be stimulated to an increase of interest in the subject of Ministerial Education. During the past collegiate year there were ten or twelve young brethren at Wake Forest College under the patronage of the Educational Board of the Baptist State Convention. One from this Association, Bro. J. M. Davis, who is said to be making commendable progress and doing well.

The prospects of the Western North Carolina Baptist Female College are brighter than at any time since the war. Elder D. B. Nelson has accepted the agency for this College and is now in the field, and we heartily commend him and the enterprise he represents to our brethren and all the friends of Education. It is hoped that the indebtedness will soon be paid off, the building completed and the school in successful operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MITCHELL,
T. K. BROWN,
J. E. RAY,
Committee.

Practical remarks and earnest appeals in behalf of the College by Eld. F. M. Jordan, Bro. J. E. Ray, Dr. Skinner and Elder D. B. Nelson.

Opportunity offered and considerable stock taken in the College. Also raised about $40 in cash and subscriptions for the College.

Recess one hour.

Afternoon Session.

Re-assembled. Resumed consideration of the report on Education. Question called and report adopted.

On motion of Bro. Chas. E. Lee the Association agreed to take one share of stock in the College on the small amounts collected and subscribed to-day, and if the subscriptions are unpaid at next session the Association will make up the deficiency.

Elder John Ammons reported as Messenger from French Broad Association.

Report of Historian read and adopted.

Brother J. E. Ray read the report of Committee on Sabbath Schools:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There is no department of Christian labor which more highly merits our attention or calls more loudly for our earnest efforts than the cause of Sunday Schools—that of training the rising generation in the fear and admonition of the Lord, as well as leading church members and older persons into a useful field of labor.

The opinion that the Sunday School is not intended for children only is vastly gaining ground, and grown up people of both sexes are finding it a pleasant and also a profitable work. Let us strive to increase this, and not be satisfied until every christian in the land shall be a laborer in the Sunday School.

The Sunday School interest in the State generally is rapidly increasing. There has been more accomplished in this direction during the present year than, perhaps, for twenty-five years past. And yet there is much destitution and a want of that hearty, earnest zeal which should characterize the work. This interest is to a great extent due to the "Little Leader" plan of raising money for Sunday School purposes, inaugurated by the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention: which plan we would heartily recommend to the Schools of this Association, as the best means of engendering an interest in the work.

We are glad to see that so many of the churches of this Association are engaged in this noble and ennobling enterprise, but regret that so many of the schools are conducted on the *Union* plan. Baptists should have *their own* schools, and until this is the case we need not expect our doctrines to gain ground and be respected and our children properly instructed.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN E. RAY,

Discussed by John E. Ray, Chas. E. Lee, Elders Ammons and Jordan, Dr. Skinner and T. K. Brown, and adopted.

Report on Home Missions again read and adopted, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the money sent by the churches for Minutes be paid over by the delegates to the Treasurer, and that the Sabbath collection be disposed of in the same way, and that the churches be advised to send the money they collected for Missions direct to the Convention.

F. M. JORDAN, *Chairman.*

The report on Foreign Missions was then read by Elder H. A. Brown:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committe beg leave to report, that the Southern Baptists have thirteen Missionaries laboring in Foreign fields. These Missionaries are assisted by 28 or 30 native pastors and assistants. Besides, we have eight returned Missionaries in this country who will return to their fields at an early date. The prospects have never been brighter than now. The success that has attended the labors of these brethren and sisters has been great. God is fast opening a way for the introduction of the Gospel in all lands, among all nations. Truly the harvest is great, but it is a sad truth that we have not obeyed Christ's last command as fully as we should.

The churches are not thoroughly awake to the great importance of the Foreign Mission enterprise. Your Committee would recommend that Missionary Societies be formed in those churches where it would be practicable to do so; that our ministers be requested to preach to the people on this great question; that collections be taken up once a year or oftener for this object; and that every member be urged to give something to send the Gospel to the perishing heathen.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. BROWN, *Chairman.*

Remarks on this report by Elders Brown, Skinner, Mitchell, Wells, Jordan and Ammons. The report was then adopted.

Finance Committee report $26.70 sent up by the churches for minutes.

Resolutions by Elder F. M. Jordan:

Resolved, That we have a Missionary in the bounds of this Association.

Resolved, That we recommend Elder W. Wiley Wells to the Executive Board of the Western Baptist Convention as a suitable person for appointment as Missionary in this Association; and further

Resolved, That the churches here represented now pledge $200 for his support next year.

Under this resolution individual pledges were made to the amount of $140.

Unanimously adopted the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due and are hereby tendered the brethren and friends of this community for the kind manner in which they have entertained this body.

On motion of J. L. Pleasant, allowed the Clerk $10 for his services, and ordered that the balance of the fund be expended for printing the minutes.

Resolved, That a collection be taken after Missionary Sermon to-morrow and equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions, and that the Moderator appoint delegates to represent the amount in the Western Baptist Convention.

Granted Bent Creek Church a letter of dismission to unite with the Newfound Association.

Appointed the following Corresponding Messengers:

To Green River.—Elders D. B. Nelson, W. J. Wilkie, Bro. E. L. Allen.

To Newfound.—Elders F. M. Jordan, John Mitchell, Jno. K. Connally, Bro. J. L. Pleasant.

To Tuckasiege.—Elders F. M. Jordan, L. Y. Israel, Brethren Wm. Aiken, Chas. E. Lee.

To French Broad.—Elders John Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, D. B. Nelson, Brethren Jno. Jordan, T. K. Brown.

On motion the Salem Association adjourned to time and place set apart. Thus closed a most harmonious and delightful session. Evidently much good has been accomplished, and our standard raised higher.

Benediction by Elder H. A. Brown.

SABBATH.

The exercises opened at 9:30 A. M., with a prayer-meeting of half an hour.

Sermon at 10 o'clock by Elder Jno. Ammons.

After which, Elder John Mitchell, D.D., preached the Annual Missionary Sermon, taking as his text: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.—2 Cor. viii:9.

Collection taken up for Home and Foreigh Missions amounting to $17.09.

The Moderator appointed Elder. W. Wiley Wells, Bros. J. M. Brookshire and J. A. Porter, to represent the Salem Association in the Western Baptist Convention.

After an hour's recess Elder F. M. Jordan preached a stirring sermon on the Judgment, and the exercises closed with benediction by Eld. D. B. Nelson.

D. B. NELSON, MODERATOR.

COLUMBUS M. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	Sabbath of Meeting.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total Membership.	Prayer Meeting.
Asheville,	1829	John Mitchell, D.D.,	Asheville,	ev'y	16	5	..	2	3	2	101	weekly.
Berea,	1853	Thos. Stradley,	Swannanoa,	4th,	16	2	1	..	..	..	70	m'nthly
Brevard,	1869	D. B. Nelson,	Brevard,	2, 4,	20	4	..	8	2	1	87	.....
Bear Wallow,	1868	W. J. Wilkie,	Bear Wallow,	2nd,	38	19	2	2	5	..	113	.....
Bent Creek,	1845	T. Bright,	Asheville,	2nd,	9	5	2	..	10	2	54	m'nthly
Broad River,	1866	W. J. Wilkie,	Bear Wallow,	4th,	...	..	1	7	3	2	60	"
Beulah,	.....	G. W. Mace,	Bowman's Bluff,	....	...	..	..	2	1	3	100	.....
Cane Creek,	1806	W. J. Wilkie,	Fairview,	1st,	21	2	2	7	12	1	117	none.
Enon,	1864	N. Bowen,	Davidson's River,	3rd,	23	15	2	5	3	..	136	weekly.
Ebenezer,	...	Wm. Case,	Hendersonville,	3rd,	7	7	6	5	11	..	88	none.
French Broad,	1789	G. W. Brooks,	Hendersonville,	1st,	9	6	2	1	3	1	75	weekly.
Gash's Creek,	1856	W. W. Wells,	Asheville,	3rd,	....	1	..	..	2	..	57	none.
Hendersonville,	1844	D. B. Nelson,	Hendersonville,	1, 3,	...	10	..	..	1	...	66	weekly.
Hominy,	1811	S. J Morgan,	Hominy Creek,	3rd,	...	3	..	4	2	4	120	.....
Hooper's Creek,	1856	W. J. Wilkie,	Bear Wallow,	3rd,	...	..	..	1	1	..	67	.....
North Fork of Swannanoa,	1846	None,	Gray Eagle,	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	60	.....
Salem,	1838	W. W. Wells,	Shufordville,	1st,	...	1	..	3	2	1	126	.....
Avery's Creek,	....	Not represented,	Membership in 1872,	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	42	.....
Boilston,	....	Not represented,	Membership in 1873,	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	71	.....
Concord,	....	Not represented,	Membership in 1872,	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	28	.....
Liberty,	...	Not represented,	Membership in 1873,	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	76	.....
Mud Creek,	1800	Not represented,	Membership in 1873,	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	69	.....
					159	80	18	47	61	17	1783	

FINANCIAL & SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches.	Pastors' Salary.	Contributions for Minutes.	Contributions for Home Missions.	Contributions for Foreign Missions.	Number in Sunday School.	Conversions in Sunday School.	Plan of Sunday School.
Asheville,.....	$ 400 00	3 00	$50 00	$12 00	131	6	Baptist.
Berea,.....	40 00	1 20	10 00	10 00	60	21	Union.
Brevard,.....	175 00	2 50	.....	10 00	94	9	.....
Bear Wallow,.....	25 00	1 70	.....	.....	118	....	Baptist.
Bent Creek,.....	35 00	1 75	2 00	75	40	....	Bible.
Broad River,.....	.....	60	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Beulah,.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	....	....	.....
Cane Creek,..... .	43 25	1 50	6 10	.....	87	14	Union.
Enon, ...	28 00	2 50	38 00	.....	69	9	Baptist.
Ebenezer,....	16 00	90	.....	... ..	....	....	Union.
French Broad,.....	70 00	50	50 00	.....	37	1	Baptist.
Gash's Creek, ...	14 25	1 05	.....	.....	50	....	Union.
Hendersonville, ...	300 00	3 60	11 20	11 20	99	...	Baptist.
Hominy,.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	36	....	"
Hooper's Creek,.....	27 50	1 00	.....	.....	35	....	"
North F'k of Swananoa,	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	Union.
Salem,.....	60 15	2 10	.....	.....	40	...	"
*Avery's Creek,.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.....
*Boilston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	.....
*Concord,..... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....
*Liberty, ...	....	.....	.....	.....	..	....	.....
*Mud Creek,.....	... .	.....	.....	.....	....	...	.....
Total..... 22 Churches,	$1234 15	$26 60	167 30	$43 95	896	60	13

*Not represented.

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MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

South Yadkin Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH, IREDELL CO., N. C.

Sept. 6th, 7th & 8th, 1877.

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J. C. TURNER, ... Cool Springs, "
JOHN LINDSAY, ... Jerusalem, "

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J. S. BRIDGERS, ... Catawba, "

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ELD. J. H. BOOTHE, ... Cool Springs, N. C.
" J. B. BOONE, ... Statesville, "
" S. F. CONRAD, ... Mocksville, "
" S. A. DANIEL, ... Jerusalem, "
" R. H. GRIFFITH, ... Charlotte, "
" WM. LAMBETH, ... Salisbury, "
" J. B. MARSH, ... Catawba, "
" J. F. REDWINE, ... Fork Church, "
" THEO. WHITFIELD, ... Charlotte, "

PROCEEDINGS.

Bethel Church, Iredell Co., N. C.,
Thursday, Sept. 6th, 1877.

The South Yadkin Association convened in its Fourth Annual Session on this day.

In the absence of the brethren appointed to this service, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. B. Richardson, from Rom. xii : 5.

After a short recess the Association was called to order by the former Moderator, who read a portion of scripture and lead in prayer.

The names of delegates were enrolled as follows :

Bethel.—D. Setzer, J. J. Hicks, T. T. Deaton and Daniel Clodfelter.
Charlotte.—Elder T. Whitfield, Elder R. H. Griffith and J. C. Dowd.
Catawba.—J. S. Bridgers, J. H. Trollinger and T. H. Erwin.
Centreville.—No delegation.
Eaton's.—E. Frost and R. H. Charles.
Fork.—Wilson Merrill and R. I. Foster.
Independence Hill.—B. Cashion, S. J. Hawkins J. L. Cashion and A. B. Cashion.
Jerusalem.—J. Lindsay, D. C. Livengood, E. F. Eaton and S. J. Tatum.
Mocksville.—W. B. Clement, W. A. Clement, John Davis and W. M. Davis.
New Bethany.—A. M. Yoder, J. A. Moore and M. R. Guthrie.
New Hope.—J. C. Turner, Solomon Lazenby and M. L. Kesler.
New Union.—Letter.—No delegates.
Shady Grove.—E. M. C. Deaton and J. H. Brown.
Society.—J. B. Holman, Elder J. H. Boothe, N. J. Gaither and N. S. Gaither.
Statesville.--J. A. Austin and W. H. Erwin.
Trading Ford.—W. R. Mason.

Proceeded to ballot for Moderator and Clerk. Eld. R. H. Griffith was re-elected Moderator and S. J. Tatum, Clerk.

Letters from the Churches were read, Bro. J. C. Turner assisting the Clerk.

A letter from the Church at Union Hill, Davidson Co., asking for admission into the body was presented and read.

On motion the application was referred to a committee consisting of Brethren T. Whitfield, W. B. Clement, and J. B. Holman.

Invitation extended to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren. The following correspondents reported themselves:

Liberty.—Elder J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention.
Catawba.—T. J. Hamilton, W. A. Graham, B. Fish and D. H. Parker.
Pee Dee.—John Ducket.

Eld. C. T. Bailey, editor *Biblical Recorder*, was welcomed to a seat.

The following committees were announced:

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Delegates of Bethel Church.
Finance.—W. A. Clement, J. S. Bridgers and J L. Cashion.
Foreign Missions.—Elder J. B. Marsh, J. W. Eaton and J. A. Moore.
Home Missions.—Elder C. T. Bailey, W. F. Merrill and J. A. Austin.
State Missions.—Elder S. F. Conrad, N. J. Gaither and T. H. Erwin.
Education.—Elder J. B. Richardson, J. H. Trollinger and E. F. Eaton.
Periodicals.—Elder J. B. Boone, A. M. Yoder and M. L. Kesler.
Temperance.—J. Lindsay, C. F. Bost and J. C. Turner.
Prayer Meetings.—Elder J. H. Boothe, R. I. Foster and R. H. Charles.
New Boards.—Elder T. Whitfield, M. H. Erwin and B. Cashion.
Time, Place and Preachers for Next Session.—J. C. Dowd, T. T. Deaton and S. J. Tatum.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Eld. T. Whitfield.

FRIDAY, 9:30, A. M.

After spending half an hour in devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. B. Boone, the Association proceeded to business.

The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read.

A letter from the church recently constituted in Salisbury, asking admission, was presented and read.

On motion the application was referred to the committee to whom had been referred the letter from Union Hill.

Eld. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., Missionary to China and representing the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was invited to a seat.

The committee to whom were referred the letters of the churches at Union Hill and Salisbury, reported, recommending their reception.

On motion the report was adopted and delegates received the right hand of fellowship:

Union Hill.—Henry Hart, Lewis J. Williams and Andrew Long.
Salisbury.—Elder Wm. Lambeth and Wm. A. Gallimore.

The following report on Periodicals was read and after discussion by Elds. J. B. Boone, C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson and J. B. Hartwell, was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The press is one of the great blessings of modern times. Its influence is wonderful. It is well understood by all business men that no important enterprise will succeed well without the assistance of the press.

We, as a denomination, may have had some sort of existence without a denominational paper, but we could never attain to successful proficiency without it. We cannot do our work well in North Carolina without the *Biblical Recorder*. A large number of our people who ought to take the paper do not do it. Some, who have been subscribers, have allowed their subscriptions to expire. We notice two causes for this:

1st. The people have learned to say, "hard times," but the same people do not stop using luxuries—they do not stop chewing tobacco, nor smoking, nor snuffing—but they say, we are obliged to have these? And so we want you to think about the *Recorder*. Some good brethren do so regard it, and when the subscriptions of such men run out they manage to find two dollars and ten cents.

2nd. The people are taking the county papers and therefore cannot take so many.

We heartily recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, *Foreign Mission Journal* and *Kind Words*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. BOONE,
A. M. YODER,
M. L. KESLER,
Committee.

The Board of Missions submitted their annual report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have been enabled to secure the services of but one Missionary during the year. Rev. J. B. Boone was continued at Statesville with appointments once a month, and has had services during the week when he thought it practicable, besides laboring at out stations in the country near Statesville. As to the amount of labor performed at these points, he reports weeks of labor 10, number of sermons 22, churches supplied 1, out stations supplied 1, prayer meetings attended 26, persons and families visited 65, tracts distributed 100, communions 3, number religious papers taken 8.

Bro. Boone was continued at Salisbury, giving that point one-fourth of his time until the 1st of January, at a salary of $100.00. The Board then thinking it advisable that he should give more of his time at Salisbury, employed him for half his time at that place at a salary of $200.00 from

this Board, and the State Mission Board augmenting it $100.00. He has also had services there during the week when he thought it necessary, and has supplied out stations in the vicinity of Salisbury. As to his prospects at Salisbury, the amount of labor performed, &c., he reports weeks of labor 18, sermons preached 58, churches supplied 1, out stations 1, prayer meeting attended 25, families visited 102, persons baptized 26, communions 2, tracts distributed 200, number of religious papers taken 4.

Your Board, feeling unable to assume the responsibility of Bro. Boone's salary, applied to the State Board for assistance and made the same proposition to it that it did last year, viz: that the State Board pay $100.00 at Statesville and $100.00 at Salisbury, provided your Board pay the same amounts. They readily agreed to do it. In accordance with the request of your Board Bro. Boone procured the services of Bro. F. M. Jordan at Salisbury in a protracted meeting for which your Board paid Bro. Jordan $20.00 in addition to what he had received at that point. As the result of their combined labors, a church has been organized with 19 members and has now a membership of 43.

Your Board do not feel at liberty to close this report without referring to the blessings of God on our work. Two years ago your Board reported a considerable debt. The prospect was gloomy in the extreme. The Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention came with words of cheer and comfort. He told us of a plan found in *God's word*, which, if followed, would relieve our necessities and enable us to reach a point hitherto considered out of reach, even Salisbury. New hope and fresh courage filled the hearts of the Messengers present, and they resolved to go home and prosecute that plan (which is God's plan). It was done, and although all of the Churches did not adopt it, yet God has blessed the feeble effort, and to-day we can rejoice in the fulfillment of the Brother's prophecy, and rejoice and thank God for churches at Statesville and Salisbury; thank Him that the clouds have been dispelled, and we are enabled to see the work which He has given us to do fully established. This is not all. Space will not permit your Board to write of the work that has and is being done in parts of the Association by the efforts of the churches and their pastors, your Board not having the means to supply the destitution. But we respectfully ask that Eld. S. F. Conrad be requested to make a statement in regard to this work. The Board would urge the necessity of the churches and their pastors going out into these destitute places in the country and hold up the Banner of the Cross, and bring the inhabitants to a knowledge of the Truth. The field is large—the destitution great. But your Board cannot act without the means.

Below we give a statement of the amounts received from the several churches. It will be found that there is a considerable falling off. The Messengers cannot urge too strongly upon their churches the necessity of furnishing the means liberally and promptly if they expect their Board to press the work:

Dr.

To Cash on hand from last year,	$ 12 10	
From Bethel Church,	20 00	
" Catawba Church,	4 05	
" J. S. Bridgers,	10 00	
" Society Church,	21 00	
" Eaton's Church,	39 00	
" Fork Church,	15 68	
" Mocksville Church,	34 20	
" Jerusalem Church,	27 97	
" New Hope Church,	18 75	
To Amount carried forward,		$ 202 75

To Amount brought forward,	$202 75	
From Independence Hill Church,	3 00	
" Charlotte Church,	22 28	
" Trading Ford Church,	10 00	
" New Bethany Church,	7 35	
		$ 245 38
Cr.		
By amount paid Eld. J. B. Boone,	$155 00	
" " " J. H. Boothe,	28 00	
" " " F. M. Jordan,	20 00	
		$ 203 00
Balance on hand,		$ 42 38

Pending the motion for its adoption, addresses were delivered by Elds. S. F. Conrad, J. B. Richardson, Theo. Whitfield, Wm. Lambeth and Brethren W. B. Clement and E. Frost.

Adjourn one hour for dinner. Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, P. M.

On re-assembling the Association was led in prayer by Eld. Wm. Lambeth.

The report of the Board of Missions was further discussed by Elds. J. B. Boone, R. H. Griffith and Bro. W. A. Graham.

On motion Eld S. F. Conrad was requested to furnish the Clerk with an outline of the missionary labor performed in Davie county for publication in the minutes.

REPORT OF MISSIONS IN DAVIE COUNTY.

In this County, the Baptists are doing a work which has long been needed, and wherever practiced is followed by the best of results. The members of the different churches having access to localities where there is a large number of persons who do not attended the Sunday Schools of the churches have organized Mission Schools. There are four such in the bounds of the County, all of which promise a rich harvest. At one of these it was my privilege to hold a series of meetings which resulted in twenty-one conversions and fourteen accessions to the churches.

Brethren connected with Mocksville and Eaton's churches have employed a fourth of my time to supply the destitute localities in the County or so many of such as time will permit, and also I am putting in Sabbath evening appointments in connection with my regular pastoral work. At one of my stations the citizens are building a good arbor, at which point I propose holding a series of meetings.

If our Baptist brethren throughout the State would all be Missionaries, North Carolina would soon belong to the Baptists. With so much to encourage us, ought we not to be wide awake and at work.

S. F. CONRAD.

The following report was read, and, after addresses by Elds. S. F. Conrad and J. B. Richardson, was adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When Christ visited Samaria, and the multitudes came out of the city to see Him, He said to His Disciples, "Say ye not there are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest." So it seems in any direction we may look, there can be seen the fields awaiting reapers to gather the harvest. From all parts of our beloved State the cry comes for help, and it seems there has never been a period in our history when we had more encouragement and more need for earnest efferts to extend the gospel throughout the boundaries of our State than now.

Every week brings us the glad tidings of victories for Christ and truth, and it seems that God is abundantly blessing the labors of our Missionaries at all points.

At Salisbury, Bro. Boone has labored with encouragement and success, having organized a church which now numbers 43 members. He also is encouraged in Statesville, and has organized a church with 45 members, and will soon build a house of worship. A church near Greensboro' was recently organized, the fruits of a meeting held by S. F. Conrad while pastor there. Also at Rockingham, Polkton, Gastonia and Morganton the labors of Missionaries, under appointment from the State Board, are of an encouraging nature. Bro. Elam has organized a church at Gastonia and thinks he can raise money enough in the vicinity to build a good house of worship. "There remaineth much land yet to be possessed," and with these encouragements, "let us go up at once and possess it."

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. CONRAD,
N. J. GAITHER,
T. H. ERWIN,
Committee.

The following resolution offered by W. B. Clement was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to communicate with those churches which have either not reported at all or have reported no contributions to the Associational Missions, and request them to state the reason for such failure to report.

2. That such answer as he may receive shall be communicated by the Clerk to the Executive Board, which shall embody the information so received to the next meeting of the Association.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30.

Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. J. B. Richardson.

Clerk read the proceedings of yesterday.

The Committee on New Boards submitted their report, which was adopted.

Eld. J. B. Boone submitted the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Association appoint a correspondent or agent in each church in the Association to assist the Mission Board in raising funds.

The following Brethren were appointed :

Bethel.—M. Sanders.
Catawba.—J. S. Bridgers.
Charlotte.—T. A. Pittman.
Eaton's.—T. F. Eaton.
Fork.—W. F. Merrill.
Independence Hill.—J. C. Cashion.
Jerusalem.—D. C. Livengood.
Mocksville.—John Davis.
New Bethany.—H. L. Lollar.
New Hope.—C. H. Swann.
New Union.—F. Gay.
Salisbury.—R. A. Trexler.
Shady Grove.—E. M. C. Deaton.
Society.—N. J. Gaither.
Statesville.—W. P. Turner.
Trading Ford.—W. R. Mason.
Union Hill.—L. J. Williams.

The following report on Temperance was adopted :

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Temperance is taught in God's word. This alone ought to be sufficient to induce christians to practice it. Intemperance is condemned by the same. Therefore christians ought to frown upon it. Christians are commanded to "shun every appearance of evil." They should, therefore, give no countenance to anything which seems to favor this great evil. If christians use as a beverage, engage in the traffic, or engage in making that which causes so much distress in our land and is the author of so much evil in every way, they should be admonished in love to abandon it. If they still persist in it they should be excluded from the church.

We are commanded to "let our lights shine." Can we do it when we are engaged in making or trading in that which causes so much darkness and distress ? Can we pray to the Lord, and say "Lord save the poor unfortunate inebriate, and reform his life," when we, every day are dealing out to him that very thing which is working his ruin in this life, and more, destroys his immortal soul in perdition? We, therefore, should shun it.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN LINDSAY, *Ch'm'n.*

The following report on Home Missions was read and adopted :

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is one of the organized agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for the spread of the Gospel and the establishment of Christ's Kingdom on earth. It has for its field of operations the destitute sections in the Southern States. Its objects are to build and sustain churches in the towns and cities where the Baptists are too weak or few in number to establish a church, to send the Gospel to the destitute along our borders, and to civilize and christianize the Indian tribes within our territory. It has within the last 32 years accomplished a great work. Many of

our best churches, in our larger towns and cities, owe their existence, under the blessing of God, to this Board.

Bro. Buckner has baptized between 3,000 and 4,000 Indians and established a large school among them for the education and training of their young men. Much more would have been done for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, by this Board, but for the want of means. For years it has been trammeled with a small debt and crippled in its influences. We cannot see why the Home Mission Board, that has for its sole object the converson to Christ of the heathen within our own land, and at our own doors, should not have as strong a claim upon our religious sympathy and aid as the Foreign Mission Board that aims only at the conversion of the heathen in foreign lands. Every principle of christianity and every motive to christian work bears as strongly in favor of the Home Board as of any other department of labor.

Rev. Dr. McIntosh, of Marion, Ala., the Corresponding Secretary, often appeals to the churches for aid, and deserves a full share of our offerings to Christ's cause. Rev. E. Dodson, one of the purest and best of men, and one of the most consecrated of Christ's servants, is the Agent of the Home Mission Board for North Carolina. We regret his absence from our meeting and would cordially commend the Board and its work to the religious sympathies of the Association.

W. F. MERRILL,
C. T. BAILEY,
J. A. AUSTIN,
Committee.

Pending the motion for its adoption, addresses were made by Elds. C. T. Bailey, J. B. Boone and S. F. Conrad, and a collection of $12.45 taken up for Home Missions.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers, submitted the following:

Time.—Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in September, 1878.
Place.—Mocksville, Davie county.
Introductory.—Eld. J. B. Boone; Alternate, Eld. J. B. Marsh.

The following report on Prayer Meetings was adopted:

Your Committee would say that we consider a well conducted prayer meeting essential to the spiritual growth and development of any church, and that when a church, whether in town or country, fails to keep up a regular prayer meeting she fails to exert the influence for good that it is her privilege and duty to exert. Hence we would hope to see the day when every church in this Association will have a well-attended prayer meeting.

J. H. BOOTHE,
R. H. CHARLES,
R. I. FOSTER,
Committee.

By motion, Eld. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., at this hour presented the claims of the Foreign Mission Board.

The following report, read by Eld. J. B. Marsh, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the Foreign Mission work is growing n its demands, and that far beyond the zeal and liberality of christians at home. The Southern Baptist Convention now has Missionaries in Africa, China and Italy. In Africa Bro. David and Bro. Colley, with four native assistants, are proclaiming the Gospel to the sons of Ham, and the Lord is blessing them. At Lagos, where Bro. Colley is laboring, 4,000 have professed christianity. The church doubled itself in the past year. Similar encouragements are given wherever labor has been bestowed in the field occupied by our Missionaries in Africa. There is a cry, says Bro. David, from all the towns for more teachers. In China we have Bro. Crawford and wife and Mrs. Holmes, with the native pastor Woo, and three native assistants with headquarters at Tung Chow. At Shanghai, Bro. and Sister Yates, with a native pastor and assistants. At Canton, Bro. Graves and wife and Miss Whilden, with three ordained ministers and ten native assistants. The Lord has blessed their labors and several have been baptized during the year. Bro. Taylor and eight Italian ministers are proclaiming the way of salvation through Jesus Christ alone, to that nation so long cursed by Popery, and the work is growing in interest and encouragement. The truths we hold as Baptists are now "proclaimed from the Alps on the north to the extreme south." "Baptisms," says a report from that field, "have agitated the Po and the Tiber, and have been administered in the Gulf of Toronta and in the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas. From Africa, from Asia, and from Europe, there comes from the struggling soldiers there a cry for reinforcements. But, in the language of our beloved Yates, "it is useless to hope for reinforcements while the churches do not support the few now in the field."

With new fields opening in three continents; with our brethren pleading piteously for reinforcements, backed by the cry of the perishing for the bread of life, dare we, as Southern Baptists, leave the hands of our Board tied as they have been in the last year.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. MARSH, *Ch'm'n.*

Addresses by Elds. J. B. Marsh, J. H. Boothe and C. T. Bailey.

By motion, decided to give the collection to-morrow to Foreign Missions.

Adjourn one hour for dinner. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Re-assembled. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Boothe.

The following correspondents were appointed:

Liberty.—Eld. J. H. Boothe, Eld. Wm. Lambeth, W. R. Mason and Lewis J. Williams.

Yadkin —H. Hart and Lewis J. Williams.

Catawba.—Eld. J. B. Marsh and J. S. Bridgers.

King's Mountain.—Eld. T. Whitfield and J. C. Dowd.

Rocky River.—Eld. Wm. Lambeth and W. R. Mason.

On motion, Elds. J. H. Boothe, J. B. Boone and Wm. Lambeth were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, and the churches recommended to appoint their own delegates according to the amounts they have contributed to the four objects of the Convention.

The following report on Education was submitted and adopted after addresses by Elds. C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson, S. F. Conrad and Bro. Wm. A. Graham :

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Mind is the great agency in directing and moulding the lives of mankind. In proportion to its healthy development, strength and vigor will be the earthly prosperity of our race. It is the work of Education to give it the proper growth, vitality and power. We, as a denomination, need more of it among the rising generation, both male and female. In this progressive age, stepping forward so rapidly in thought and action, what will be the success in life of our children if we fail to educate them ? Who will be here to advocate and defend our faith, the principles we hold so dear, against the attacks of those who reject them ? We need now to step forward and see that all our male and female schools and colleges are sustained, and our children well equipped for the great battle of life.

Again, it is our duty to see that every one of our young men who are called of God to preach His Gospel are encouraged, and if need be, aided in securing an education. The Educational Board has done and is doing a great work. Every year it is sending forth young men who bid to be the defenders of our faith in years to come. Some eight young men are now receiving aid from it and as many more are seeking help.

Shall the large Baptist denomination in North Carolina say to those we can't or will not help you? As this Association is leading in the mission work, shall it be behind in the great and good work of Ministerial Education?

J. B. RICHARDSON,
E. F. EATON,
Committee.

In connection with this report Eld. R. H. Griffith presented the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

The committee on Finance submitted the following report :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report the following as the amounts received from the churches for printing minutes:

Bethel,	$2 75	New Hope,	$1 75
Catawba,	1 00	New Union,	1 00
Charlotte,	1 00	Society,	2 00
Eaton's,	3 00	Shady Grove,	50
Fork,	2 00	Statesville,	2 00
Jerusalem,	2 29	Salisbury,	1 00
Independence Hill,	1 00	Trading Ford,	1 00
Mocksville,	2 00	Union Hill,	1 75
New Bethany,	1 00		
Total,			$27 04

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. CLEMENT, *Chairman.*

The report of the Sunday School Board was read, and after addresses by E. Frost, Eld. C. T. Bailey, Eld. J. B. Boone, J. S. Bridgers, W. B. Clement, Elds. S. F. Conrad and J. B. Marsh, was adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

We have made some progress since our last report. but not as much as could be desired. We desire and hope soon to see a flourishing evergreen Sunday School in every church and destitute neighborhood.

We have 20 schools reported with 1,203 names enrolled. While we have more schools reported than we have churches, still there are three churches that report no schools: Centreville, Shady Grove and Independence Hill. We are assured that one of these at least will soon organize a School. One encouraging feature of this work is that more of the schools are continuing through the winter than formerly. We have ten evergreens reported against five last year. A greater number too are using the Uniform Series of Lessons than at our last report. Your Board would suggest the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the delegates recommend to their several churches the use of Baptist literature in their Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. TATUM,
D. C. LIVENGOOD,
Committee.

The committee appointed at the last Association to purchase tracts, reported that they had received about $9.00 from the churches, bought tracts with the same and distributed them among the pastors of the several churches. The report was received and the committee discharged.

The Clerk was instructed to have the minutes printed and distribute them among the churches according to the amount sent up, and be allowed six dollars for his services.

On motion the churches subscribing for the erection of the church house at Shady Grove are requested to forward the amounts subscribed, if possible this month, to J. B. Holman who offers to assist them in procuring workmen, &c.

Moved and adopted that any member of this body visiting sister Associations with which she corresponds, may report themselves as correspondents.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Closing remarks and prayer by Moderator.

R. H. GRIFFITH, MODERATOR.

S. J. TATUM, *Clerk.*

SABBATH MORNING.

Assembled in Sunday School mass meeting. Addresses by Elds. C. T. Bailey, S. F. Conrad and J. B. Boone.

At 11 o'clock Eld. J. B. Richardson preached to a large and attentive congregation, from Ephesians iv.:1.

After the sermon a collection of $11.69 in cash and $8.00 in pledges was made for Foreign Missions.

CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Offices.	Clerks.	Post Offices.
Bethel,	J. B. Marsh,	Catawba,	Jno. Setzer,	Troutman's Depot.
Catawba,	J. H. Boothe,	Cool Springs,	A. T. Bridgers,	Catawba.
Charlotte	T. Whitfield,	Charlotte,	R. D. Graham,	Charlotte.
Centreville,				
Eaton's,	M. Baldwin,	Huntsville,	J. H. Cain,	Cana.
Fork,	Wm. Turner,	Salem,	J. H. Beeker,	Jerusalem.
Independence Hill,	J. B. Boone,	Statesville,	A. M. Cashion,	Alexandrianna.
Jerusalem,	S. F. Conrad,	Mocksville,	S. J. Tatum,	Jerusalem.
Mocksville,	S. F. Conrad,	Mocksville,	T. W. Rich	Mocksville.
New Bethany,	J. B. Marsh,	Catawba,	A. M. Yoder,	Catawba.
New Hope,	J. B. Marsh,	Catawba,	J. C. Turner,	Cool Springs.
New Union,	J. P. Gwaltney,	Stoney Point,	T. M. Cloer,	Oak Forest.
Shady Grove,			J. H. Brown,	Amity Hill.
Salisbury,	J. B. Boone,	Statesville,	R. A. Trexler,	Salisbury.
Society,	J. B. Marsh,	Catawba,	J. B. Holman,	Cool Springs.
Statesville,	J. B. Boone,	Statesville,	W. P. Turner,	Statesville.
Trading Ford,	H. Morton,	Kendall's Store,	D. L. Hill,	Linwood.
Union Hill,	J. H. Boothe,	Cool Springs,	J. O. Hart.,	Lewisville.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Name of Schools.	Superintendents.	Post-Office.	Teachers and officers.	Average Attendance.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	K'd W'ds tak'n	Bap. Teachers.	Other Papers.	Lesson Papers.	Use Uniform Lessons?	Months open.	Have you a Mis. Society.	Contributions. Sunday School Board.	Contributions. Other Objects.	Contributions. Total.
Bethel,	C. Clarke,	Statesville,	6	5	66	40	..	75	..	..	..	..	No.	6	....	....	....	....
Charlotte	W. F. Cook,	Charlotte,	20	18	140	111	..	....	..	1	..	..	Yes.	12	Yes.	....	....	....
Catawba	J. S. Bridgers,	Catawba,	7	6	60	40	2	75	..	..	..	..	No.	..	....	....	....	....
Centreville,	No report,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Eaton's,	J. H. Cain,	Cana,	11	8	100	60	..	250	30	6	..	75	Yes.	12	Yes	$27 86	$17 00	44 86
Eaton's Mission,	B. F. Eaton,	Farmington,	6	4	66	40	..	....	..	..	..	70	Yes.	..	....	....	4 00	4 00
Fork,	W. F. Merrill,	Fork Church,	4	4	37	23	..	25	..	..	..	..	No.	12	....	....	....	....
Fork Mission, No. 1,	E. Cope,	" "	7	7	73	68	..	....	..	..	..	..	Yes.	6	....	....	....	....
" " " 2,	G. W. Hendrix,	" "	4	3	50	25	..	....	..	..	..	..	No.	..	....	....	....	....
Independence Hill,	No school	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Jerusalem,	E. W. Tatum,	Jerusalem,	6	5	49	35	4	75	10	..	..	16	Yes.	12	Yes	10 84	5 16	16 00
Jerusalem Mission,	J. H. Butler,	"	7	7	48	40	14	18	..	..	..	30	Yes.	..	Yes.	....	....	....
Mocksville,	R. S. Gaines,	Mocksville,	8	7	45	25	..	35	20	2	..	27	Yes.	12	....	....	13 31	13 31
Mocksville Mission,	J. F. Click,	"	....	....	25	25	..	....	..	..	..	..	Yes.	..	....	....	....	....
New Bethany,	A. M. Yoder,	Catawba,	6	4	45	21	5	....	..	..	..	..	Yes.	..	....	....	....	....
New Hope,	J. C. Turner,	Cool Springs,	5	4	37	26	..	....	12	..	9	..	No.	12	....	....	12 22	12 22
Society,	G. P. Stroud,	River Hill,	8	6	75	55	..	200	..	..	..	16	Yes.	12	....	....	....	....
New Union,	T. M. Cloer,	Oak Forest,	6	5	45	35	18	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Shady Grove,	No school,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Statesville,	J. Robertson,	Statesville,	6	5	35	20	..	....	12	..	..	..	Yes.	12	....	....	7 20	7 20
Salisbury,	R. A. Trexler,	Salisbury,	6	5	32	30	..	....	..	..	..	..	No.	12	....	....	....	....
Trading Ford,	D. L. Hill,	Linwood,	8	4	45	35	6	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Union Hill,	H. Hart	Lewisville,	4	3	20	20	..	....	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....
Grand Total,	....	....	135	110	1,068	779	49	753	84	9	9	234				$38 70	$58 89	$97 59

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	Adm't'n			Dimt'n			White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total.	Sabbath of Meeting.	CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.											
		Baptism.	Letter.	Restored.	Letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.						Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Associat'nal Missions.	Educational Board.	S. S. Board.	Church Extension.	W. F College	Pastor's Salary.	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	Associat'nal Fund.	Total.
Bethel,.....	Iredell,.....	43	3	1	..	6	1	52	68	..	120	4	$ 7 24	$	$ 20 00	$.....	$.	$ 40 00	$.	$ 112 00	$.....	$.....	$ 2 75	$ 181 99
Catawba,.....	Iredell,.....	..	..	..	2	..	..	12	32	..	44	4	.....	....	14 05	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.. ..	1 00	15 05
Charlotte,. ...	Mecklenburg, .	15	11	4	11	..	2	...	...	..	161	evy	5 00	. ...	22 28	.....	..	.....	..	700 00	66 27	10 48	1 00	805 03
Centreville, ...	Rowan,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	. ..
Eaton's,..	Davie,.....	3	..	1	2	1	3	46	89	7	142	4	12 91	13 00	39 00	.....	..	47 00	..	96 00	36 00	2 30	3 00	249 21
Fork, ...	Davie,.	14	..	1	2	2	..	73	123	4	200	4	13 63	6 37	15 68	6 37	.	... ...	..	150 00	18 50	5 50	2 00	218 05
Independence Hill,	Mecklenburg,..	5	4	2	..	..	1	13	18	..	31	1	.....	.....	3 05	.....	..	.....	..	55 00	....	10 95	1 00	70 00
Jerusalem,.....	Davie,..... ...	17	1	..	4	1	5	55	80	2	137	1	13 91	7 56	27 97	7 56	..	8 00	..	200 00	200 00	40 50	2 29	507 79
Mocksville.,..	Davie,.	..	..	..	2	1	..	19	18	..	37	2, 3,	11 40	11 40	34 20	11 40	..	.....	..	37 00	.....	.....	2 00	107 40
New Bethany,....	Iredell,..	25	4	..	1	2	2	33	69	..	102	3	6 19	7 50	7 35	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	1 00	22 04
New Hope,.....	Iredell,.	....	1	..	..	..	1	22	33	13	68	2	8 88	4 60	18 75	... ..	..	.....	..	100 00	... ...	5 00	1 75	138 98
New Union,.....	Iredell,.	...	.	..	..	..	..	4	7	..	11	2	. ..	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	40 00	.....	.....	1 00	41 00
Shady Grove,.....	Iredell,..	...	1	..	..	1	1	5	13	..	18	2	... ..	.....	... ...	.....	..	.....	..	75 00	... ...	.....	50	75 50
Salisbury,.... ...	Rowan,.....	26	11	..	1	..		...	...	..	43	2, 4,	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Society,..... .	Iredell,..	...	..	..	..	..	..	25	43	..	68	1	7 00	7 00	21 00	7 00	..	12 00	..	90 00	.....	..	2 00	146 00
Statesville, ...	Iredell,.	...	3	..	..	3	1	15	30	..	45	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	100 00	109 00	40 78	2 00	251 78
Trading Ford,.....	Rowan,.....	11	..	..	..	..	1	18	29	..	47	1	5 50	.....	10 00	10 00	..	.....	..	69 75	.....	.....	1 00	96 25
Union Hill,.....	Davidson,..	8	2	..	..	..	..	12	18	..	30	2	....	.....	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	... ..	.....	1 75	1 75
Grand Total,..	.....	167	41	9	25	17	18	404	670	26	1304		$91 66	$57 43	$233 33	$42 33		$107 00		$1,824 75	$429 77	$75 51	$27 04	$2,927 82

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MINUTES

OF THE

26th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

KING'S MOUNTAIN

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Pleasant Hill Church, Cleaveland Co., N. C.,

Sept. 21, 22, 23 & 24, 1877.

G. W. ROLLINS, MODERATOR, Green's Grove, N. C.
L. M. LOGAN, CLERK, King's Mountain, N. C.
J. JENKINS, TREASURER OF AS. B. MISSIONS, Shelby, N. C..

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
OCTOBER, 1877.

List of Ministers in King's Mt. Association.

Elder	A. L. Stough,.. ...	Shelby,	North Carolina.
"	G. M. Webb,.....	"	" "
"	T. Dixon, ...	"	" "
"	A. A. McSwain, ...	"	" "
"	R. Poston,.....	"	" "
"	A. C. Irvin,.....	"	" "
"	J. M. Bridges,.....	"	" "
"	G. W. Rollins,....	Green's Grove,	" "
"	P. R. Elam,.....	King's Mountain,	" "
"	D. Pannell,.....	Webb's Ford,	" "
"	J. J. Jones,.....	" "	" "
"	J. H. Yarboro,....	Mooresboro',	" "
"	N. H. Moss,.....	Cherryville,	" "
"	Wm. McSwain,.....	Shelby,	" "
"	Martin Pannell,..	"	" "
"	T. J. Campbell, ...	Island Ford,	" "
"	L. H. McSwain,....	Antioch,	South Carolina.

LICENTIATES.

J. W. Goode, ...	Webb's Ford,	North Carolina.
J. B. Green, ...	" "	" "
R. N. Hawkins,.....	Shelby,	" "
G. P. Hamrick,.....	Wake Forest,	" "
B. P. Green, ...	Mooresboro',	" "
J. Ruppe,.....	Nicholsonville,	" "
F. H. Poston, ...	King's Mountain,	" "

PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT HILL, CLEAVELAND CO., N. C.,
September 21, 1877.

1. The King's Mountain Baptist Association met with Pleasant Hill Church, Cleaveland county, N. C.

2. The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. H. Yarboro, from Acts xii: 8.

3. After the sermon the Association took a recess for half hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, Sept. 21, 1877.

4. On re-assembling the Moderator called the Association to order. Rev. C. T. Bailey led in prayer.

5. the Moderator appointed J. A. Roberts and R. E. Porter as Reading Clerks.

6. The Churches were called, their letters read and their delegates enrolled as follows:

Sandy Run.—G. W. Rollins, B. B. Harris, W. B. Lovelace, M. D. Padgett and W. A. Jones.

Zion.—A. C. Irvin, R. Poston, J. D. Weathers and Daniel Poston.

Zoar.—Jacob Hogue, A. R. Putman and M. O. McIntire.

Double Springs.—J. M. Bridges, D. A. F. Hamrick, C. B. Suttle and B. Blanton.

New Bethel.—W. B. McCall, J. M. London, Jno. A. Beam and A. T. Hord.

Pleasant Hill.—J. A. Roberts, H. Roberts, Simeon Putman and S. A. Wilson.

Mt. Vernon.—S. J. Weaver and W. J. Wesson.

Big Spring.—J. C. Lattimore and W. P. Withrow.

Bethlehem.—P. R. Elam, L. M. Logan, Jno. Barber and T. Bell.

Olivet.—Represented by letter.

Concord.—G. T. Bostic, W. H. Martin and A. L. Smart.

Thessalonica.—Not represented.

Bethel.—T. J. Campbell and A. S. Harrill.

Mt. Sinai.—L. H. McSwain and S. Wylie.

Mt. Pleasant.—Jno. Beason, J. E. Jolly and D. A. Scruggs.

Beaver-dam.—B. Hamrick and S. H. Hamrick.
Walls.—Represented by letter.
Sandy Plains.—W. B. Bridges, J. P. Green, W. A. Crowder and J. P. Philbeck.
High Shoals.—J. B. Green, J. M. Goode, Thos. Wilkins, D. Matheny and J. P. Burgess.
Mt. Paran.—Preston Harmon and J. M. Martin.
Mt. Harmony.—J. P. Whisnant and W. J. Toney.
Boiling Springs.—A. A. McSwain, B. H. Bridges, C. J. Hamrick and Z. M. McKinney.
Shelby.—G. M. Webb, A. L. Stough and E. J. Lovelace.
Capernaum.—Jno. L. Kendrick, Jno. S. Wray and Thos. Kendrick.
New Prospect.—T. Dixon, J. C. Hoyle, V. Elliott, Jesse Hord and Elfus Hamrick.
Mt. Zion.—N. H. Moss and E. R. Wellman.
Antioch.—H. Whisnant, E. Hardin, F. H. Dover and J. R. Dixon.
New Hope.—R. E. Harrell, A. Earles, J. H. Austell and A. I. Borders.
Buffalo.—F. S. Ramseur, Wm. Hamrick, R. E. Porter, W. D. Gaston, A. W. Holt and Jno. Hopper.

7. On motion the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: G. W. Rollins, Moderator; L. M. Logan, Clerk.

8. The Church at Gastonia, Gaston county, N. C., petitioned to become a member of our body, and was received with the following delegates: Jonas Jenkins and Gaston Littlejohn.

9. Eld. H. D. Harrill was received as a Messenger from Green River Association.

10. Elds. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., Baptist State Convention, C. T. Baily, editor *Biblical Recorder*, J. H. Yarboro', J. J. Jones, J. A. White, of Brier Creek Association, were received as visiting brethren.

11. The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises.—Thos. Wilkins, Wm. Hamrick, E. J. Lovelace and Pastor and Deacons of this Church.
Missions.—P. R. Elam, G. M. Webb and J. C. Lattimore.
Periodicals.—R. E. Porter, A. A. McSwain and D. A. F. Hamrick.
Education.—B. H. Bridges, R. Poston and H. Whisnant.

12. On motion, adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by J. A. White.

SATURDAY, Sept. 22d, 1877.

13. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. M. Bridgers.

14. The roll was called.

15. The minutes of yesterday read and were adopted after amendment of that portion in regard to the result of the election of officers.

16. The following Messengers were received: Bro. D. G. Palmer from Broad River; Elder W. Hill from Green River.

17. The following visiting brethren were received: Eld. B. Bonner of the Spartanburg Association, and Eld. R. P. Logan of the Brier Creek Association.

18. Clerk read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles.

19. The committee on Religious Exercises reported that B. Bonner and H. D. Harrill would preach at the stand.

20. The Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance.—A. L. Smart, J. P. Burgess and Thos. Kendricks.
Union Meetings.—J. C. Hoyle, R. E. Harrell and Jacob Hogue.
Temperance.—A. L. Stough, J. M. Bridges and R. Poston.
Sabbath Schools.—G. M. Webb, A. C. Irwin and T. Dixon.
Obituaries.—A. A. McSwain, J. A. Roberts and G. T. Bostic.
Preachers to Preach Stated Sermons.—B. H. Bridges, J. A. Roberts, Thos. Kendrick, J. C. Lattimore and J. D. Weathers.

21. Appointed Messengers to sister Associations:

Broad River.—L. H. McSwain, G. M. Webb and A. L. Stough.
Green River.—J. M. Goode, J. H. Yarboro', G. M. Webb, A. C. Irvin, J. M. Bridges, W. B. Lovelace, G. W. Rollins and A. L. Stough.
York.—A. A. McSwain, T. J. Campbell, Z. M. McKinney, Simeon Putman and L. M. Logan.
Catawba River.—S. J. Weaver and W. J. Wesson.

22. The committee on Education reported as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

That Education is power, no one denies. We have the universal testimony of all, who have any experience upon this subject, that without it nations crumble and fall, and denominations dwindle. We believe that the progress of the Baptists greatly depends upon Education, and the chief obstacle to our progress in this country is the lack of intelligence among the brethren. We acknowledge that there is some interest taken within the bounds of this Association; but with these evidences before us why is there not a greater interest manifested upon the part of the brethren? We farther acknowledge that the Baptists of this country have been, to some extent, successful; yet the great obstacle to a farther progress is illiteracy.

The obligations of the Baptists to establish schools for the purpose of dispensing their principles are higher than any other denomination. We therefore urge that the brethren of this body become more energetic and aroused to a sense of duty—establishing schools and patronizing the same. We now have the long desired school of Shelby. This is the center point of our country, and we might say of this Association. This

School has for its Principal, Bro. J. A. White, a Baptist. One who is well worthy of your patronage. Brethren, we ask you to sustain Bro. White in his efforts.

Boiling Springs, one of your number, has established a school and calls for a liberal share of your patronage.

We would especially call your attention to the effort being made to establish a Female College within our bounds, and trust that the work of the Trustees may be such as will be accepted and pushed forward.

Lastly, brethren, we are sorry that we must again call your attention to Wake Forest College. Some of the brethren of this State seem resolved to endow their College, and we are of the opinion that they will be successful; yet the task is much more burdensome than it ought to be. Brethren, have we been co-workers in this great work? if not, we have failed to do our duty. Wake Forest College is our school, or ought to be, and hence it is the work of every Baptist to aid in the endowment of said school. Brethren, let us consider our interests as Baptists and sustain our college by our own efforts, and educate our children as Baptists.

B. H. BRIDGES, *Chairman.*

23. After remarks by C. T. Bailey, R. Poston, J. H. Yarboro, G. M. Webb, T. J. Campbell and J. B. Richardson, was adopted.

24. Elder J. P. Styers, of Rocky River Association, was received as a visiting brother.

Recess for one hour.

Afternoon Session.

25. The committee on Religious Exercises announced that W. Hill and J. A. White would preach at the stand.

26. The committee on Periodicals reported as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe the reading of religious journals in our families improves morality, and begets a spirit of missions, and makes us enjoy true religion in our souls. As the *Biblical Recorder* is universally acknowledged and regarded the religious organ of the Baptists of our State, we would recommend it as worthy the patronage of all. We think that every one within the bounds of this Association should take and read it: for it informs us of the revivals throughout the State; what the Baptists are doing for the spread of the Gospel; and it defends Baptist principles. It contains a vast amount of valuable reading matter and religious information, of which we would be entirely ignorant of without it. Now if the pastors of the churches and brethren of the same would take a deeper interest in circulating the paper and endeavor, if possible, to induce all to take it and read it, we believe they would accomplish a great and good work. And we do sincerely hope that 'ere long this may be effected.

For Sabbath Schools we would recommend *Kind Words.*

We would also recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal* for information upon the subject of Missions.

R. E. PORTER, *Chairman.*

27. Remarks were made by G. M. Webb, J. B. Richardson and C. T. Bailey, and on motion report was adopted.

28. Committee on Union Meetings reported as follows:

That the next Union Meeting be held with the Church at New Prospect, six miles north-east of Shelby, commencing on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1878.

J. C. HOYLE, *Chairman.*

29. Appointed R. Poston, A. C. Irvin, N. H. Moss and G. M. Webb to attend said meeting.

30. The committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We recognize the great goodness of the Allwise Creator in the preservation of so many of our lives, and especially all our brethren in the ministry, for not a single minister has died during the past year. While we are thankful to God for these mercies, we are sorry to find that 41 of our number have passed into the spirit land. We sympathize with bereaved churches, or relatives, whose members and friends have died, but we believe that our loss is their eternal gain.

A. A. McSWAIN, *Chairman.*

31. The committee on Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The first Baptist Church ever planted in North Carolina was organized in 1727, the second in 1743 and the third in 1755. The Baptists could do but little in our State till after the American Independence. In 1784 we had but 42 churches, 47 ministers and about 3,200 members. Now, we number 1,442 churches, 793 ministers and over 137,000 members. Thus the missionary efforts of our people have been greatly blessed within the last ninety years.

STATE MISSIONS.

For the last 70 years there has been a Mission Society in our State laboring to give the destitute sections the Gospel. At present the State Mission Board is cultivating some *ten* important points, but this is not one-tenth of what it ought to be doing. The lack of funds has greatly circumscribed the Board's labors. In the bounds of our own Association Bro. P. R. Elam has been successfully laboring at Dallas and Gastonia, as is seen per his report to the Association. Our Association stands pledged to support Bro. Elam.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this department of christian effort our labors have been greatly blessed, and hundreds of thousands of heathen have been brought to Christ within the last 50 years. We must press this work. Also the work of the Home and Indian Mission Board of our Southern Convention, which has done a great work in the South during the last thirty years.

G. M. WEBB, *Chairman.*

32. Remarks bp G. M. Webb and J. B. Richardson, and, on motion the report was adopted.

33. On motion of G. M. Webb, there will be a collection taken up on to-morrow and decide on Monday what to apply it to, which was carried after considerable discussion.

34. Committee on Religious Exercises announced that C. T. Bailey would preach in the morning at 10 A. M.; P. R. Elam at 11 A. M.; and J. B. Richardson and B. Bonner in the afternoon.

35. On motion, adjourned to meet Monday at 9 A. M. Prayer by J. P. Styers.

SUNDAY, Sept. 23, 1877.

The Rev. C. T. Bailey preached at 10 A. M. Text: Heb. xi:24-25. Followed by Rev. P. R. Elam, who preached the Missionary Sermon under an appointment of last year, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $32.85.

Recess for one hour.

AFTERNOON.

37. Rev. A. L. Stough preached. The congregations were very large and attentive during the services.

38. The word of Truth was ably presented by all the ministers who preached, and it is hoped that the efforts made will prove effectual in advancing the Master's Kingdom.

MONDAY, Sept. 24, 1877.

39. The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by A. A. McSwain.

40. The roll was called. Quorum present.

41. Proceedings of Saturday and Sunday were read and adopted.

42. The committee on Temperance reported and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

That Temperance as a practical theme addresses itself to the heart, conscience and intellect of every man, woman and child.

There never has been such a scourge permitted to visit our race as that

of intemperance; but the general statistics of intemperance we do not propose to collect or discuss. We have no disposition to count the number of ruined men, of wretched families, of lost estates this prevalent vice has occasioned in our country. What part of our world is exempt from this awful scourge? Where is the scourge that can for a moment be brought into comparison with that of intemperance? It is one that never ceases the awful work of destruction.

Where is the eye that sees not its woes? Where is the ear that hears not its groans? Where is the heart that does not bleed because of the loss of some dear relative, friend or companion? We may indeed say with the prophet, "the land mourneth because of drunkenness."

Oh! what a cruel, horrid work is this? When, when shall it stop? Is there no end to this river of death? Is there no remedy? Is there no remedy at hand? Yes, here it is: Total abstinence now; total abstinence forever from all that intoxicates. And ought not a redeemed world bless God for this discovery? And ought we not, heart to heart, shoulder to shoulder, press forward the application of such a remedy?

The awful work of intemperance will never cease until the principles of total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks shall everywhere prevail. Never until the name, the influence of all be solemnly pledged to the support of the temperance cause.

Can any one, young or old, who but glances at this subject, doubt for a moment into which scale he should throw the weight of his name and influence.

Every one that wears the badge of Christ should see that he does not, either directly or indirectly give his influence to the use of intoxicating drinks. Let each one remember that there is a day of impartial reckoning and balancing of accounts, and that the Judge of all the earth will do right. That he will meet out strict equity.

Let us then use every laudable effort until the glorious work of reform shall be achieved; the awful work of destruction shall cease.

This subject makes an especial appeal to the christian churches. It was ascertained some 25 years ago (and no doubt the statistics would be greater now) that intoxicating drinks alone caused 1,500,000 church trials, and that 33 American D.D's, and 3 of them bishops, had become perfect sots.

Need we be surprised at this when it is a fact that the majority of our churches do not expressly prohibit the use of intoxicating drinks; and some even suffer their own members to manufacture, retail and use intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

Let us, therefore, do all we can to suppress this monster evil until the awful work of destruction shall cease; until the destroying angel shall take his flight; earth shall burst into the beauty and freshness of Eden. And it shall be published through the utmost bounds of earth, and echo and re-echo through the wide vaults of heaven: "The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdom of our Lord and his Christ forever and ever."

A. L. STOUGH, *Chairman.*

43. The committee on Finance reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount sent up by the churches for Minutes,	$ 43 66
" " " " " State Missions,	29 00
" " " " " Foreign Missions,	22 45
Aggregate, cash,	$ 95 11

Amount of Collection on Sabbath,.....	32 85
Total, including Collection on Sabbath,.....	$127 96
Amount pledged by Bethlehem Church,.....	10 00
" sent heretofore by Pleasant Hill Church, ...	5 00
" " " " Shelby "	30 00
Total, including moneys sent heretofore, &c.,.....	$172 96

A. L. SMART, *Chairman.*

44. The Associational Board of Missions reported as follows, and the report adopted:

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We thought it advisable to continue P. R. Elam in the same field of labor to which he was appointed last year, and on the same terms. He accepted the appointment and submits to the Board the reports hereunto annexed, to-wit:

For first quarter, ending February 1st, 1877: Number of sermons preached 3, out stations supplied 2, persons baptized 2, number added by experience and letter 2, Sunday School organized at Gastonia 1, number of pupils 30, collected cash on the field $10.80.

For second quarter, ending May 1st, 1877: Number sermons preached 10, churches supplied 1, out stations supplied 2, prayer meetings attended 1, persons and families religiously visited 5, assisted in the organization of churches 1, (Gastonia,) Sunday School at Gastonia organized with 40 pupils, classes 8, teachers 8.

Amount of cash on hand at last session of the Association for Missionary purposes $65.45, which was paid over to Bro. Elam, by L. M. Logan, Clerk, and Bro. Elam's receipt taken for the same by the Board, and also for the amount of $10.80, collected on his field of labor, making an aggregate of $76.25, the same being $1.25 over pay to Missionary for nine months' labor reported.

Your Board, before closing this report, will only add that in their opinion a Missionary should still be continued to operate in the same field of labor, at least, until such time as the church recently organized at Gastonia shall become self-sustaining. It certainly would be unwise on the part of a commander, after capturing a strong redoubt from the enemy, to leave it at once exposed to the attacks of the foe without a garrison to protect it.

And we find too that there are several feeble churches within our bounds that very much need for a time a helping hand, and we suggest that the wisdom of the body take the matter more fully into consideration.

J. R. LOGAN, *Chairman.*

45. The committee on Religious exercises reported that J. M. Bridges and F. H. Poston would preach at the stand this morning.

46. On motion the old Board of Missions was continued, to-wit: J. R. Logan, J. Jenkins, R. E. Porter, T. Dixon and

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NOTE.—It became necessary in perfecting the minutes of the Association for me to correct the report on Finance. The Committee erred by reporting $10.00 sent up by Bethlehem Church as a pledge and $5.00 sent heretofore by Pleasant Hill Church, *as cash in hand.* Both of these amounts had to be subtracted from the sum total reported by the Committee.

L. M. LOGAN, *Clerk.*

L. M. Logan; and, on motion, J. Jenkins was made Treasurer of said Board.

47. Committee on Preachers to Preach Stated Sermons reported as follows:

A. C. Irvin to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting; J. M. Bridges, Alternate.

A. L. Stough the Missionary Sermon; R. Poston, Alternate.

J. A. ROBERTS, *Chairman.*

48. The committee on Sabbath Schools reported, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is to be regretted that our churches are taking so little interest in Sabbath Schools. Not one-half of our churches now have these great helps in the spreading of the Gospel of Christ. There is no other department of christian labor in which so nearly every member of the church can work, and do great good. We heartily commend our Sabbath School Convention of this Association, which meets somewhere within our bounds every fifth Sabbath, to our brethren, and urge a representation in it from every church at its sessions.

G. M. WEBB. *Chairman.*

49. On motion of R. E. Porter the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, as an Association, heartily endorse the efforts of the Board of Trustees of the King's Mountain Female College, to establish such a College in our midst, and urge them to push their work with all their energies and power. And that we invite the Green River and any other sister Association to join us in this great enterprise.

50. On motion, the committee that was appointed last year to consider the building of a Female College within our bounds, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of erecting a Baptist Female Seminary at some convenient place within the bounds of the King's Mountain Association, submit the following report:

Your Committee met in pursuance of their appointment, at Shelby, on the day named by the Association, and after organizing, unanimously agreed to apply to the Legislature of the State, then in session, for a charter or act of incorporation, designating a Board of Trustees to receive subscriptions and donations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of building; and, also, to obtain by donation or purchase, a suitable site or lot to build on, and transact any other business pertaining to the said Seminary they might deem necessary.

Application was accordingly made, and a liberal charter granted by the General Assembly, and persons named therein to act as Trustees, who have since met and procured by donation, from C. C. Durham, Esq., a liberal friend of education, in the town of Shelby, a very elligible and suitable lot whereon to erect the contemplated Seminary. It is therefore no longer a question of uncertainty as to the erection of the College, pro-

vided, the 4,000 Baptists belonging to the King's Mountain Association will at once put their shoulders to the wheel, and with a united effort, roll up the means necessary to erect the superstructure. We hope they may feel inclined to do so at once. Every Baptist within the bounds of the Association will certainly have denominational pride enough to put his share of brick in a building that will eventually prove to be of incalculable benefit to us all, not only denominationally, but in many instances individually.

By all means let our daughters be educated, and untold blessings, mentally and religiously, will result to the future offsprings of the Baptist denomination, and all those, too, whether Baptist or Pedo-Baptist, who may lend a helping hand to build up a school of high grade in our midst.

The Trustees have resolved to raise $10,000 at the earliest practicable period for building purposes. Your Committee, therefore, hope that every lover of literary improvement will move forward in solid phalanx and contribute his mite to the undertaking, and let the word *fail* be blotted out of their vocabularies. Let other objects, for a time at least, be dropped (if need be) and your whole strength be put forth in this one laudable and paramount effort. Let your watchword be, *our Female Seminary must be built*, and it certainly will be.

Your Committee, in concluding this report, ask all good christian men and women to join us in praying God's blessing on so honorable and praiseworthy an object.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. LOGAN, *Chairman.*

51. On motion, the petition of Olivet Church asking letter of dismission was granted.

52. On motion, all the moneys sent up by the churches for State Missions and half the collection of Sabbath, was ordered to be paid to P. R. Elam; also half the collection to be paid to J. B. Richardson for State Missions, and all the moneys sent up by the churches for Foreign Missions to be paid to J. B. Richardson.

53. On motion, the petition of Boiling Springs, asking that the Association meet with them next year, was granted.

54. Appointed the following delegates to the Baptist State Convention: T. Dixon, A. A. McSwain, G. P. Hamrick, A. M. Lovelace, Jas. Y. Hamrick, A. L. Stough, T. J. Campbell, G. M. Webb, E. J. Lovelace, A. C. Irvin, R. Poston, P. R. Elam, J. M. Bridges, F. H. Poston, J. Jenkins, C. C. Durham, Z. M. McKinny, W. B. Lovelace and L. N. Durham.

55. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to have the Constitution, Rules of Order and Abstract of Principles printed with the proceedings of this session.

56. On motion, the Clerk was authorized to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and retain $10 for his services.

57. On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be returned to this church and

to brethren and friends of neighboring churches, for the hospitality so generously and cheerfully extended to the delegates.

58. The business of the session being completed, on motion adjourned to meet with Boiling Springs Church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1878, and after prayer by J. B. Richardson the Moderator declared the Association adjourned.

G. W. ROLLINS, MODERATOR.

L. M. LOGAN, *Clerk.*

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Church Letters and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Extend invitation to Churches to become Members.
4. Extend invitation to Messengers from other Associations.
5. Extend invitation to Visiting Brethren.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
8. Call for Report of Committees.
9. Appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
10. Appoint Associational Board of Missions.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjournment.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, three in one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only true rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and holiness.

5. We believe in the doctrine of *Election*, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the merits of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe the Saints shall persevere in grace, and not finally fall away.

8. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers who have been immersed upon a profession of faith, are the only proper subjects for the Lord's table.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as has been called of God, as was Aaron, and regularly baptized and approved of by the Church, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have a right to call to order at any time ; also it shall be his duty to see that the Rules of Decorum are attended to ; to take the opinion of the Association on all questions properly brought before the body.

3. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order, may appeal to the Association on the same day the decision is made, but at no other time.

4. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.

5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and obtain leave of the Moderator, and when he has done speaking he shall sit down, and shall not speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than twenty minutes at one time, unless he obtain leave of the Association.

6. The Moderator, when addressed for leave of speech, shall signify the same by naming of them or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject on hand, or use words of personal reflection ; or with a view or calling to order for some particular purpose. Any motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association, shall be first decided upon, before another is offered.

9 When any thing is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for the debate, the Moderator shall put the question ; and those in favor of the thing proposed shall rise to their feet, and those opposed to it keep their seats ; the Moderator shall procure the decision before the standers take their seats.

10. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.

11. The appellation of brother shall be used in our address to each other.

12. The names of the members shall be called as often as necessary.

13 No member shall be indulged in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in the time of a public speech, or any other practice that would dishonor the Association.

14. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other member to his seat while he is speaking, but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided ; then he shall give the casting vote.

15. Any person breaking these Rules of Decorum, shall be reproved at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day the breach is made.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
King's Mountain Baptist Association.

We, the united Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ, located partly in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, having all been immersed upon a profession of our faith in Christ, propose to maintain the order and rules of an Association, according to the following plan:

ARTICLE 1st. This Association shall be known by the name of the King's Mountain Association.

2nd. This Association shall be composed of such members as shall be chosen and recommended by the churches in union.

3rd. Other churches may become members of this Association by their delegates presenting certificates of their appointment, provided, on examination, they be found orthodox.

4th. The Association shall organize by electing a Moderator and Clerk, who shall hold their appointments until another election unless displaced by the body.

5th. This Association, as an act of christian courtesy, may invite ministers of our denomination to seats with us in council.

6th. This Association when convened shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which they are authorized to form themselves.

7th. This Association hath an inalienable right to judge what churches shall be admitted into its confederacy.

8th. The Association thus formed shall be regarded by us only in the light of an advisory council, with no coercive power "to lord it over God's heritage."

9th. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in its connexion that shall hold corrupt doctrines or indulge in sinful or vicious practices.

10th. Every church in union having a membership not exceeding 50 in number, shall be entitled to a representation of two delegates, and one additional delegate for every increase of 50 over that number.

11th. The primary object of this Association shall be to "strive for the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace" amongst the churches; the employment of domestic missionaries, and to keep up the statistical accounts of the churches in its connexion. And finally to concentrate our efforts for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom on earth, and for the deposition of the works of darkness.

12th. None but the members of this body shall be allowed a vote in its councils, and a majority shall decide in disposing of and settling all business that may constitutionally come before them.

13th. This Association in all cases disclaims the rights in its associate capacity, to settle church difficulties; but when a division occurs, and two parties equally claim to the church, and represent themselves by letter and delegates, this Association shall have the right to decide at the first, or some future meeting of its body thereafter, which party shall be recognized as the constitutional church, and entitled to a seat in its council.

14th. The Minutes of the Association shall be read each day, and corrected, if need be, by the body; and when the business shall be gone through with, signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

15th. Any Article of this Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, by a majority of two-thirds of the delegates present voting for the same.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTOR'S.	CLERKS.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Amount for Minutes.	Amount for Ass. Missions.	Amount for State Missions.	Amount for For. Missions.	For Ind. Miss'ns.	For Education.
Sandy Run,	Mooresboro'	G. W. Rollins,	W. B. Lovelace,	Third				4	1	6	236	$ 3 00		1 37½	$ 1 37½		
Zion,	Shelby,	A. C. Irvin,	A. J. Irvin,	First	14	2		3		2	170	2 00					
Zoar,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	Jacob Hogue,	Third	1					3	116	1 25		2 00	2 00		
Double Springs,	Shelby,	G. W. Rollins,	W W Washburn,	Sec'nd	20	5		3		2	167	1 50			3 00		
New Bethel,	Gardner's Ford,	T. Dixon,	R. T. Hord,	Third		3	1	3	1		213	2 00		3 25	3 30		
Pleasant Hill,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	J. A. Roberts,	First		2		3	4	3	182	1 80		5 75	5 00		
Mt. Vernon,	Hull's X Roads,	A. Hildebrand,	S. J. Weaver,	Third	6	1	4		2		67	1 25		1 10			
Big Spring,	Duncan's Creek,	J. M. Bridgers,	J. C. Gettys,	Second	17	2		7		3	115	1 40		2 15	2 15		
Bethlehem	King's Mountain,	P. R. Elam,	P. M. Gardner,	Second		3		2	5		191	2 00		5 00	5 00		
Olivet,	Catawba,		Jacob Brown,								29						
Concord,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	A. L. Smart,	First				3		1	100	1 10		1 25	1 25		
Thessalonica,	Not Represented,																
Bethel,	Webb's Ford,	A. A. McSwain,	D. N. Hamrick,	Second	6	3	1	8		2	73	1 00					
Mt. Sinai,	Erwinsville,	T. H. Mullinax,	S. Wylie,	Third		4	2	1			81	83					
Mt. Pleasant,	Nicholsonville,	A. C. Irvin,	J. D. Simmons,	Second		2		5	2		156	1 15					
Beaver Dam,	Shelby,	G. M. Webb,	J. T. Harrill,	Fourth		2		3		1	180	1 15		1 55			
Sandy Plains,	New House,	R. Poston,	John Beam,	Third	19	12	1	2	1	4	196	1 58					
Wall's,	Oak Spring,	R. Poston,	J. H. Goforth,	Fourth	12	12	1	7	5		143	1 55					
High Shoal,	Webb's Ford,	G. W. Rollins,	J. P. Burgess,	Fourth	5	4	1	10	4	1	209	1 30		1 50	1 50		
Mt. Paran,	Whitaker Station SC	A. C. Irvin,	C. Wilson,	Third	7	5	1	33	6		79	1 45		1 45			
Mt. Harmony,	Rutherfordton,	J. M. Bridges,	J. W. Murray,	First		5		2		2	107	1 00					
Boiling Springs,	Shelby,	A. A. McSwain,	D. S. Lovelace,	First	6	7		5	1		186	2 05		62½	62½		
Shelby,	Shelby,	A. L. Stough,	T. K. Barnett,	Every	17	7	2	6	10	3	143	1 75		37 00			
Capernaum,	Buffalo Paper Mills,	G. M. Webb,	Thos. Kendrick,	Second		6		5		1	133	1 20			4 00		
New Prospect,	Shelby,	T. Dixon,	J. C. Hoyle,	First	47	9	3	8	4	1	347	2 30					
Mt. Zion,	Cherryville,	A. C. Irvin,	J. R. Moss,	Fourth	17			2	1		92	1 20					
Antioch,	Antioch, S. C.	J. G. Carter,	J. R. Dixon,	First	5	8		6	2	2	206	1 50			3 25		
New Hope,	Shelby,	T. Dixon,	J. R. Logan,	Second	1	3		3	6	1	187	2 00					
Buffalo,	Black's Station, S.C.	T. Dixon,	Wm. Hamrick,	Fourth	3	4		54	1	3	293	2 50					
Gastonia,	Gastonia,	P. R. Elam,	T. G. Chalk,								28	1 00					
			Totals,		203	111	17	188	56	41	4,424	$ 43 66		$64 00	$82 45		

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MINUTES

OF THE

47th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Tar River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Pleasant Grove Church, Nash Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 4th, 5th and 6th, 1877.

J. T. WEBB, of Nash, Moderator.
R. M. JOHNSON, of Halifax, Clerk and Treasurer.

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PROCEEDINGS.

PLEASANT GROVE, Nash Co., N. C.,
THURSDAY, October 4th, 1877.

The Tar River Baptist Association convened here to-day in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the delegates were late arriving, and it was thought best to dispense with the Introductory Sermon, and the Association was opened by singing a hymn, and prayer, Elder W. J. Fulford, leading.

By request of the body, Bro. N. W. Boddie acted as Moderator, *pro tem*, and R. M. Johnson as Clerk, and Bro. J. M. Waddill Reading Clerk.

On motion, Brethren John Watson and J. P. Savage were appointed a Committee on Finance.

The roll of Churches was called and the following reported by Letters and Delegates:

1. *Antioch.*—Richard Parker, Wm. Parker.
2. *Bear Swamp.*—A. G. Wilcox, S. C. Heran, W. E. Bowers.
3. *Brown's.*—John Watson, J. W. Allen.
4. *Conoconary.*—James A. Pope, Dr. O. C. Stallings.
5. *Cypress Chapel.*—A. A. Sledge, M. R. Moore, A. C. Stallings.
6. *Corinth.*—P. J. Dement, J. P. Bledsoe.
7. *Cedar Rock.*—W. D. Coppedge, O. D. Burnett, Jessie Fulghum.
8. *Gardner's.*—James T. Duncan.
9. *Greenville.*—By letter.
10. *Henderson.*—Dr. J. S. Meadows, Charley Meadows.
11. *Hickory Chapel.*- B. F. Drake, Jno. T. Sexton, T. M. Ward.
12. *Louisburg.*—Rev. C. A. Jenkins, Rev. P. H. Pernell, C. M. Cooke.
13. *Littleton.*—Not represented.
14. *Maple Spring.*—R. R. Boone, Dr. W. C. Lankford, G. W. Webb.
15. *Mt. Zion.*—W. Cooper, W. Askew.
16. *Mt. Olivet*—Not represented.
17. *New Bethel.*—J. W. Duke, S. J. Mathews, R. H. Duke.
18. *New Hope.*—E. H. Vick, B. D. Rice.
19. *Peach Tree.*—J. T. Webb, M. Sykes, G. Rice.
20. *Philadelphia.*—K. P. Leonard, J. B. Bunting, A. C. Griffin.
21. *Pleasant Grove.*—N. W. Boddie, Z. Hinton, W. F. Hollingsworth.
22. *Poplar Spring.*—R. M. Freeman, John Griffin, R. Wright.
23. *Red Bud.*—T. S. Collins, John Collins, W. B. Harper.
24. *Reedy Creek.*—L. B. Ham, D. B. Ham, S. E. Lancaster.
25. *Red Oak.*—J. C. Beal, E. F. Barkley, E. C. Ellen.

26. *Rock Spring.*—W. D. Harris, J. J. Bobbitt, A. S. Cooke.
27. *Samaria.*—Burtis Cone, Wesley Privett, Thomas Wester.
28. *Sandy Creek.*—Parker Murphrey, J. G. Swanson, Reddin Bobbitt.
29. *Sharon.*—Not represented.
30. *Tarboro.*—Not represented.
31. *Warrenton.*—J. M. Waddill, Dr. C. A. Thomas, J. W. Williams.
32. *Wilson.*—Geo. W. Blount, J. B. Brewer.
33. *Zion.*—J. T. Lawrence, J. P. Savage, Dr. R. M. Johnson.
34. *Hawkins' Chapel* (colored).—Daniel Blacknall, Daniel Hawkins.
35. *Shiloh* (colored).—Handy Crudup, Essec Crudup.

The Church at Henderson petitioned for a letter of dismission from this Association, to join another of like faith and order, which was granted.

The following churches petitioned for the next Association: Antioch, Conoconary, Louisburg and Warrenton.

On motion of Elder Fulford, the Association was permanently organized by electing J. T. Webb, Moderator, and R. M. Johnson, Clerk and Treasurer.

Bro. Webb thanked the delegates for the honor conferred and hoped to have their assistance in the discharge of his duties as their presiding officer.

Invitations were given to visiting brethren and messengers from other Associations, and seats were accepted by N. B. Broughton, of the *Biblical Recorder;* and the following Ministers, who are *ex-officio* members of this Association: Elders W. J. Fulford, G. W. Newell, J. A. Mundy, J. A. Pitchford, P. H. Pernell, and G. W. Coppedge, Licentiate.

The Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Grove Church were appointed a Committee on Religious exercises during the Association.

Elder J. A. Mundy, Elder G. W. Newell and Dr. J. S. Meadows were appointed a Committe of Arrangements.

Elder Newell moved that the evening be devoted to religious exercises. Motion withdrawn, and,

On motion of Elder Mundy, the query in the letter from Reedy Creek Church, "What shall be done with church members who are able and yet refuse to contribute anything to the expenses of the church?" was taken up and discussed by Elder W. J. Fulford, N. W. Boddie and Elder G. W. Newell.

The following was offered by Elder Newell:

Resolved, In answer to the query of the church at Reedy Creek, that a church member who is able but who does not contribute to the support of the Gospel, should,

1st. Be admonished of his duty by the church.

2d. Or, if this fails, dealt with for breach of the church covenant, and fellowship withdrawn from him.

On motion of Elder J. A. Pitchford the resolution was laid on the table until to-morrow.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Association shall meet at 10 A. M., and adjourn at 1 P. M.; meet at 2 P. M., and adjourn at 4 P. M.
2. Appoint a Committee to select Ministers to preach Stated Sermons.
3. Appoint a Committee to nominate Standing Committees.
4. Read the report on Foreign Missions.
5. Read the Report on State Missions.
6. Read the report on Associational Missions.
7. Read the report on Ministerial Education.
8. Read the report on Periodicals.
9. Read the report on Sunday Schools.
10. Printing Minutes.
11. Report of Finance Committee.
12. Treasurer's Report.
13. Select Time and Place of next Association.
14. Miscellaneous Business·
15. Report of Committee on Stated Sermons.
16 Report of Committee on Standing Committees.
17. Appoint Delegates to Baptist State Convention.
18. Resolutions.
19. Report of Historian.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MUNDY,
G. W. NEWELL,
J. S. MEADOWS,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock. Prayer, Elder Fulford leading.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

Prayer by Elder Newell.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

The Constitution and rules of Decorum were read.

The roll of churches was called and delegates not present yesterday reported.

The church at Antioch recommended a colored brother, Thos. Daniel, for ordination.

Elders J. A. Mundy, C. A. Jenkins and G. W. Newell were appointed a Committee to examine into the call and qualifications of the candidate for ordination.

Invitations were again extended and Elder J. R. Jones, of Central Association, and Elder E. F. Beacham and Rev.

Daniel Wester, Licentiate, ex-officio members of this Association, accepted seats.

Brethren J. P. Savage, John Griffin and Dr. C. A. Thomas were appointed a committee to select Ministers to preach Stated Sermons.

N. W. Boddie, Dr. W. C. Lankford and C. Demet were appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committees.

Report on Foreign Missions called for. On motion, was deferred until to-morrow.

Report on State Missions was called for and Elder P. H. Pernell submitted the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren: We believe that the Missionary wrok is one that should claim the attention of every true Baptist. We also believe that it is our duty to contribute of our means to send the Gospel to the Heathen. But let us first attend the wants of our own beloved State.

We are informed by the Croresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board that there are fifty destitute sections in North Carolina now calling for the Gospel; and shall we close our eyes to the calls of this people and keep them from the Bread of Life. The State Board at the commencement of this Conventional year was something over $500 in debt. It has during this year curtailed its expenses, rather than go any further in debt, and we think it was wise that they did so. But if every Baptist in the State would only give the small amount of 10 cents per head we could occupy every destitute nook and corner in the State. The Board is now at work at Salisbury, Statesville, Morganton, Dallas, Gastonia, Polkton and Rockingham as centres. It also has one missionary in Tyrrell county. Churches have been organized at important points, and the labors of the missionaries greatly blessed; and now as God has so greatly blessed the labors of what few missionaries we have in the field. we would recommend that every delegate belonging to this Association, on returning to their respective churches, request that the above amount be raised, so that every son and daughter of North Carolina may have an opportunity of hearing the Gospel in its purity.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. PERNELL.

The report was received and discussed by Elders Pernell, Fulford and Newell.

On motion the report was adopted.

Report on Associational Missions was called for.

Elder N. A. Purefoy, the brother appointed to write this report, not being present, no report was offered.

The Moderator appointed Elder G. W. Newell and Bro. C. M. Cooke a Committee to write said report.

Report on Ministerial Education called for and read, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Dear Brethren: It has been a question for some time, Shall we have an

educated Ministry? But this is not the question, for our ministers will be educated. Therefore the question is who shall educate them? Shall it be by their own unaided efforts, which will necessarily be labored, tedious and slow; or shall they have the aid of proficient instructors? Shall they be left to pick up a volume here and there, and at their spare moments, when not engaged in preaching, plowing or hoeing, and by their midnight lamp pore over its pages? Or shall they have the advantages afforded by our Colleges and Seminaries, where large and well selected libraries stand out invitingly and offer such rare opportunities to eager minds longing to grapple with the powers of learning? We answer, The proficient instructor and well selected library should be placed in the reach of every young minister, so that he may gather knowledge and be the better prepared to teach from God's sacred truth.

Now such opportunities are afforded at Wake Forest College, and also at the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., where young brethren, and older ones also, may go, free of tuition charges, and be instructed in Theology. And this fact is calling loudly upon the brethren all through the land to aid in sending these brethren to these places that they may be the better fitted to teach the truth.

It is true the heart must be right before God, and every one who preaches should be well assured of a divine call; for without this all else is a failure so far as preaching the Gospel acceptably is concerned; but with the assurance before us that a brother is divinely called to the ministry, be sure that education is attended to before setting him apart to regular work; then we shall feel the better for it—having the consciousness that all has been done that is required at our hands.

It is true again that many without the above advantages, have done and are still doing good and efficient work; and this has been employed as an argument against an educated ministry. But we think it an argument it its favor, because these very men, if they had been educated, would have been of vast more benefit to the church than they have been without an education.

Therefore, brethren, let us see to it that we have an educated ministry, and especially see to it that, if they cannot have classical training, they at least shall have the benefit of a theological course.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. J. FULFORD.

The report was received and discussed at some length by Elder C. A. Jenkins, in his naturally pleasant style and eloquent language. He would say nothing to the disparagement of uneducated preachers; they have done and are still doing a great deal of good, and yet the greatest need of our denomination to-day is an educated ministry. Our people are becoming better educated and they require at the hands of the ministry a more efficient education than they have had in the past.

Bro. C. M. Cooke thought the churches sometimes make mistakes in recommending men to be educated by the Board and then hold the College responsible for the results; the Lord never calls a man to preach the Gospel who has not got common sense, nor can the College make a preacher of a man who is not called of God to the ministry.

The report was adopted.

Dr. W. C. Lankford stated that Bro. T. R. Walker had informed him that he declined remaining at Wake Forest on account of ill health.

Elder G. W. Newell, as chairman of the Committee on Beneficiaries, stated that they had had no meeting since last Association.

A petition from Cedar Rock Church (recently organized) was read, asking admission into, and membership with, this Association, with letter, and as delegates W. D. Coppedge, O. D. Burnett and Jessie Fulghum.

Elders Jenkins, Duke and Mundy were appointed a committee to examine the Articles of Faith, &c., as set forth in the Constitution adopted by this church.

Resolution is answer to Reedy Creek Church re-read and discussed by Bro. N. B. Broughton, suggesting a plan of system by appointing finance committees in each church, so that every member shall be seen and talked to personally with regard to his duty; such a system had been adopted in churches of his acquaintance, and had proved a success.

Bro. Daniel Wester said a question similar to this had been decided by this Association more than fifty years ago.

Resolution adopted.

Delegates from Sandy Creek and Hickory Chapel arrived.

Bro. Broughton announced that he was present to take subscriptions for the *Recorder*, and spoke of the 50 cent plan.

The committee appointed to investigate the orthodoxy of Cedar Rock Church submitted the following report:

We have examined the Declaration of Faith, the Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant as set forth in the Constitution adopted by the Cedar Rock Baptist Church, and have found them to be in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. We cordially recommend, therefore, that the church be admitted into this Association.

C. A. JENKINS,
G. M. DUKE,
J. A. MUNDY,
Committee.

The report was adopted and the right hand of fellowship extended, welcoming the church to membership with this Association.

FRIDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

Report on Periodicals called for. No report.

On motion Bro. N. B. Broughton was invited to speak for

the *Recorder*, and in an earnest, forcible style (which is characteristic of the man), he set forth not only the claims of the *Recorder* upon the Baptist denomination in consideration of the vast amount of good it has been the instrument in accomplishing, but the fact that the *Recorder* furnishes as much valuable reading matter as can be obtained from any other source for the same amount of money.

Elder J. A. Mundy, Dr. W. C. Lankford, Bro. Daniel Wester and Bro. C. M. Cooke all spoke for the *Recorder*.

A letter from Wilson was received. Brethren Geo. W. Blount and J. B. Brewer, delegates.

The report on Associational Missions was called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren: There is much destitution of Baptist preaching within our bounds, and several important neighborhoods having no organized body of baptized believers, or any regular preaching in their midst.

We should feel under obligations to send the Gospel everywhere that it is not, and there can be no excuse for neglect of the work that is nearest our own doors. Therefore, with a view of beginning at once to do what we can towards meeting the claims that are upon us—

Resolved, That this Association do now adopt some one point within its bounds as a Mission Station at which we will try to supply monthly preaching during the ensuing year.

2. That Nashville be the point so adopted.

3. That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three brethren to secure, if possible the services of some brother to preach for them and report success to-morrow.

4. That the pastor so chosen shall receive as his compensation the funds sent up by the churches during the next year for Home Missions, and the amounts collected by nim on his field, provided these amounts do not exceed $100.

The Association, however, shall not hereby be pledged for any greater sum than the amounts so secured.

C. M. COOKE,
G. W. NEWELL,
Committee.

The report was received and discussed by Elders Pitchford and Fulford, and on motion lay on the table until to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Mundy.

SATURDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

After singing and prayer, Moderator Webb not having

yet arrived, Elder W. J. Fulford was made Moderator pro. tem.

Report on Associational Missions was called up. Remarks by Bro. C. M. Cooke and the Clerk.

Report adopted.

Delegates from Hawkins' Chapel granted leave of absence. Also New Bethel delegates.

Moderator Webb arrived.

Brethren J. T. Lawrence, J. W. Williams and W. D. Coppedge were appointed a committee to secure the services of a minister to preach at the Mission Station, Nashville.

With a view to employing a Missionary to labor within the bounds of this Association during the year 1879, pledges were secured to the amount of three hundred and seventy dollars, which are to be paid at the next session of this Association, so as to have this capital in hand to commence with.

The following are the parties and the amounts pledged:

Delegates from Louisburg,...	$30.00	Delegates from Corinth,.. ...	$10.00
Delegates from Warrenton,...	30.00	Delegates from New Bethel,.	5.00
Delegates from Zion,.....	30.00	Delegates from Cypress Chap.	5.00
Delegates from Peach Tree,..	30.00	Delegates from New Hope,..	5 00
Delegates from Wilson,.....	30.00	Delegates from Samaria,.....	5.00
Delegates from Bear Swamp,.	30.00	Delegates from Red Bud, ...	5.00
Delegates from Maple Spring,	20.00	Delegates from Sandy Creek,	5.00
Delegates from Philadelphia,.	15.00	Delegates from Hickory, ...	10.00
Delegates from Conoconary, .	10.00	John Watson,...	30.00
Delegates from Poplar Spring	10.00	W. D. Coppedge,.....	5.00
Delegates from Mt. Zion,....	10.00	J. A. Waddill,.....	5.00
Delegates from Red Oak.....	10.00	Dr. J. S. Meadows,..	5.00
Delegates from Rock Spring,.	10.00		
Delegates from Pleas'nt Grove	10.00	Total,.....	$370.00

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is the language of our Lord, and is just as binding on us to-day as it was in the Apostles' day. For how shall they, the heathen, believe on him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall he preach except he be sent?

The Lord has in mercy blessed those Missionaries who are preaching in heathen lands, and crowned their efforts with success, for which we should thank God and take courage. The Missionaries in China have recently held a Convention; from their proceedings we learn the great destitution in China, and the great need of more men, in view of which we recommend that this Association observe the day (set apart by that Convention) in prayer for Missions.

We are taught by the Saviour to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into the harvest, and He will do it. Again, He teaches that if we, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto our children, how much more shall our Father in Heaven give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. May the Lord give us not only the Spirit to pray that all men

may learn with us to love the blessed Saviour, but to give of our substance as he has prospered us, remembering that it is more blessed to give than to receive. G. M DUKE, *Com.*

The report was received. Remarks by Elder Duke and Elder J. R. Jones. Adopted.

Elder Jas. S. Purefoy, of Wake Forest College, arrived, and, on invitation, accepted a seat. Also, Bro. A. C. Griffin accepted a seat.

The Association arose to hear the Denominational Sermon at the stand by Elder G. M. Duke.

SATURDAY, 2 O'clock, P. M.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Dear Brethren : There is no subject of greater interest to my mind than that of the Sabbath School. And I am happy to say that its interest is steadily increasing, and those who once felt no interest in Sabbath School work are now earnestly engaged in pushing forward the Sabbath School cause. And when we reflect for a moment we are astonished that all are not heartily engaged in the work, both old and young; for I see no reason why there is not a Sabbath School in every community. It is scarcely necessary for me to speak of the advantages of a Sabbath School in every community—every one may see for himself if he will but pause and examine; and he will find that where the Sabbath was once desecrated it is now hallowed, where children were ignorant and disorderly now their minds are being enlightened, and their deportment orderly, and, more than all, we trust that in many instances where the heart was hard and callous, it has been softened and made susceptible to God's holy truth.

Much more could be said in this connection, but why multiply words upon a subject that *experience* will teach to every one who will go to work earnestly.

Therefore, we would recommend that every church in the bounds of our Association, do all that is expedient to push forward the Sabbath School work. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WEBB.

No remarks. The report was adopted.

The Clerk was instructed to have 1,200 copies of the minutes printed, and to receive for his labor the usual compensation. Also to have 100 Church Letter blanks printed and distribute them to the churches with the minutes.

The Association earnestly requests that each Church Clerk will use said blanks in writing their letters, so that full statistics may be given.

The Clerk was instructed to pay the present indebtedness on account of our beneficiary with the funds now in the treasury, together with the amounts sent up at this session of the Association for that purpose.

Elder Pitchford offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a certain statistical table, prepared by the former Clerk of this Association be appended to the minutes of this session.

The time and place for holding the next session of the Association was taken up, and after a pleasant discussion and rivalry the vote was unanimous for Conoconary in Halifax county as the place, and Thursday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1878, as the time.

The delegates from Conoconary extended a hearty welcome to the brethren.

Elder J. S. Purefoy asked to have a form of bequest to Wake Forest College inserted in the minutes of the Association. Granted.

RESOLUTION ON OBITUARIES.

WHEREAS, Through a sad dispensation of Providence our beloved brother, Elder Thomas Wilcox, has been called from labor on earth since our last meeting, therefore

Resolved, That we ask that Elder T. R. Owen and Bro. John Watson be appointed a committee to prepare a suitable obituary notice of our deceased brother for the next Association; and that this resolution be inserted in the minutes of the present session of this body.

W. C. LANKFORD.

Adopted.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY APPOINTED TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION.

Your Committee, appointed to examine into the call and qualification of Bro. Thomas Daniel to the Gospel Ministry, would report, That we have examined him and found him qualified for that high position. We would recommend most heartily his ordination.

J. A. MUNDY, *Ch'm'n.*
G. W. NEWELL,
C. A. JENKINS.

Adopted.

The ordination was announced to take place at the stand to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF W. F. COLLEGE.

Your Committee to aid and encourage the work of endowing Wake Forest College is pleased that Elder J. S. Purefoy, the agent, has been laboring some within our bounds and has succeeded in securing in subscriptions about $1,000.

Elder Purefoy is now in our midst and expects to visit all the churches with a view of securing the $5,000 recommended by the last Association, and we recommend him and his work to the kind co-operation of the brethren.

JNO. WATSON, *Ch'm'n.*

Report adopted.

The following resolution was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the following brethren be reappointed a Committee to aid and encourage the Agent of W. F. College in the work of the endowment, and that they report to the next Association: Jno. Watson, Dr. W. C. Lankford, J. J. Rodwell, W. H. Avera, E. P. Powell, Jas. Battle, G. W. Blount, J. T. Webb and P. J. Dement.

The Treasurer reported, which report was found correct and adopted:

Received at Henderson for Minute Fund,.....	$ 62 85
" " " " Foreign Missions,.....	36 81
" " " " State Missions,...	22 16
" " " " Associational Missions,.....	10 50
" " " " Sunday Schools,...	3 00
" " " " Education, ...	15 95
Remaining in Treasury last year,.....	49 88
Received of Maple Spring Church for T. R. Walker,....	19 00
" " Zion " " "	7 00
" " Red Oak " " "	7 50
" " Peach Tree " " "	1 15
" " Pleasant Grove " " " ...	1 10
State Missions of Mt. Zion transferred to Beneficiary,....	5 20
For advertising last year in minutes,.....	7 00
Total, ...	$ 249 10

Disbursements:

Paid Edwards, Broughton & Co., for Printing Minutes,..	$ 45 00	
" John G. Williams for Foreign Missions,.....	36 81	
" " " " State "	22 16	
" " " " Sunday Schools,.....	3 00	
" Prof. Royall for Beneficiary,.....	55 75	
" Prof. Simmons for Bro. Cooke, former Beneficiary,	4 00	
" " " " present Beneficiary, ...	5 02	
Postage, Freight, P. O. Orders and paper,....	8 00	
Clerk's fee,.....	15 00	
Transferring Minutes in Record Book,.....	1 15	
Total,.....		$ 195 89
Remaining in Treasury,.....		$ 53 21

Respectfully submitted,
W. C. LANKFORD, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE STANDING COMMITTEES.

To write on Foreign Missions.—Elder E. F. Beacham.
To write on Associational Missions.—C. M Cooke.
To write on State Missions.—Elder C. A. Jenkins.
To write on Ministerial Education.—Elder J. A. Mundy.
To write on Periodicals.—A. D. Ellis.
To write on Sunday Schools.—J. T. Lawrence.

P. J. DEMENT,
N. W. BODDIE,
W. C. LANKFORD,
Committee.

Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee received :

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report of funds received by us from the various churches, which funds have been handed to the Treasurer :

For Minute Fund,	$60 42
For Foreign Missions,	19 15
For State Missions,	14 84
For Home (Associational) Missions,	31 18
For Sabbath Schools,	3 00
For Education,	16 85
For Beneficiary,	20 70
Total,	$166 14

JNO. WATSON,
J. P. SAVAGE, *Com.*

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATED SERMONS.

To preach Introductory Sermon at next Association.—Elder W. J. Fulford; Alternate, Elder E. F. Beacham.

Denominational Sermon.—Elder C. A. Jenkins; Alternate, Elder G. W. Newell.

Conventional Sermon.—Elder J. A. Mundy; Alternate, G. M. Duke.

J. P. SAVAGE,
C. A. THOMAS,
JNO. GRIFFIN,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Elder Newell offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to Pleasant Grove Church, and to the citizens of the vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members of this Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT A PREACHER FOR THE MISSION STATION AT NASHVILLE.

Dear Brethren : We have secured the services of Elder W. J. Fulford to preach at that point for the next twelve months, on the 4th Sabbath and Saturday before, on the terms set forth in the resolution adopting this station.

J. T. LAWRENCE,
W. D. COPPEDGE,
J. W. WILLIAMS,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Clerk suggested a Sabbath School Mass Meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Bro. Cook moved that said mass-meeting be conducted by Bro. N. B. Broughton. Adopted.

Bro. Broughton announced the following subjects and speakers:

"How to keep up a Sunday School in the country."—C. M. Cooke.
"Benefit of Sunday Schools to the Churches."—Elder G. M. Duke.
"What to teach in Sunday School."—Elder C. A. Jenkins.
"Who can teach in Sunday School."—Prof. J. B. Brewer.

The Clerk was instructed to procure advertisements and have printed with the minutes.

The following brethren were appointed delegates to the Baptist State Convention: Elder J. A. Mundy, Elder C. A. Jenkins, Elder W. J. Fulford, Elder G. M. Duke, Elder T. R. Owen, Elder G. W. Newell, John Griffin, G. W. Blount, J. W. Williams, C. M. Cooke, John Watson, Dr. C. A. Thomas, Jno. M. Waddill, Rev. Daniel Wester, Noah Biggs, Dr. J. S. Meadows and J. T. Webb.

Elder J. A. Mundy was appointed to preach the Conventional Sermon to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The minutes were read, amended and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at Conoconary, in Halifax county, Thursday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1878. Prayer by Elder Duke.

J. T. WEBB, MODERATOR.

R. M. JOHNSON, *Clerk.*

SERVICES.

At the stand, Friday morning 11 o'clock, by Elder J. A Mundy. Text, I Tim. 6th chap 12th verse: "Lay hold on eternal life."

Friday evening, 2½ o'clock, by Elder J. R. Jones. Text, Rom. 8th chap. 10th verse: "And if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."

Saturday, 11 o'clock, by Elder G. M. Duke. Text, I Cor. 11th chap. 24th verse: "This do in remembrance of me."

Saturday, 2½ o'clock P. M., by Elder C. A. Jenkins. Text, I Kings 2d chap. 2d verse: "Show thyself a man."

Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, by Elder J. A. Mundy. Text, Rom. 10th chap. 14th and part of 15th verse: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on him of whom they have not

heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent."

A collection was taken amounting to $20.00.

Sunday evening preaching at the stand by Elder E. F Beacham.

The Ordination of Rev. Thomas Daniel, colored, at the stand, and Sunday School Mass Meeting in the house, was conducted according to previous appointment.

FORM OF BEQUEST TO WAKE FOREST COLLEGE.

I give and bequeath to the Trustees of Wake Forest College,.....

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for the use and benefit of said College.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Counties	Pastor and his P. O.	Clerk and his P. O.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Addition			Dim't'n			White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.	Total.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.					
Antioch.....	Halifax,..	J A Pitchford, Warrenton	H. A. Sledge, Brinkleyville	1	10	..	..	1	2	1	22	62	84	2	86
Bear Swamp,...	Halifax,..	N. A. Purefoy, "	J. H Connell, Brinkleyville	4	1	..	..	2	...	1	7	22	29	31	60
Brown's,.....	Warren,..	" " "	John Watson, Warrenton,	2	1	..	..	2	1	1	14	47	61	128	189
Conoconary,. ..	Halifax,..	T. R. Owen, Tarboro....	E P Powel, Daws'ns XR'ds	3	33	4	..	...	5	2	....	...		...	62
Cypress Chapel,	Franklin,	W. J. Fulford, Nashville,	J. C. Moore, Castalia,....	4	...	9	..	..	..	..	12	34	46	8	54
Corinth,... ...	Franklin,	E F Beacham. Franklint'n	A. D. Ellis.....	3	2	2	..	4	..	1	29	59	88	....	88
Cedar Rock,....	Franklin,	G. W. Newell, Louisburg	J A Coppedge, Cedar R'k	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	12	11	23	...	23
Gardner's.....	Warren,..	N. A. Purefoy, Warrent'n	J W Shearin, Macon depot	1	...	..	..	..	2	2	20	53	73	...	73
Greenville,.....	Pitt,. .	Thos. Carrick, Greenville,	J. R. Rouse, Greenville,.	1,3,4	...	1	..	2	..	..	8	50	58	...	58
Henderson.. . .	Gr'nville,	R. H. Marsh, Oxford,....	W. D. Horner,.....	5	...	4	..	..	..	..	13	16	29	...	29
Hickory Chapel	Nash, ...	G. M. Duke, Hilliardston,	B. F. Drake. Battleboro,.	3	1	3	..	1	9	1	13	40	71	...	71
Louisburg,. ...	Franklin,	C. A. Jenkins,.....	C. M. Cooke, Louisburg,.	1, 3,	...	10	..	1	..	1	...	....	29	...	29
Littleton.....	....	Not represented.....	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	...	...	...	...
Maple Spring,..	Franklin,	E F Beacham, Franklint'n	W. C. Lankford, Louisb'g	4	...	1	1	21	..	..	31	66	97	23	120
Mt. Olivet,....	Franklin,	Not represented, ...	... .	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	....
Mt. Zion,. ...	Franklin,	.. ..	A. J. Carr, Laurel,.....	1	2	2	..	..	..	1	25	60	85	...	85
New Bethel,...	Warren,..	M. R. Pernell. Franklint'n	E. W. Green, Louisburg,.	1	29	..	..	..	..	..	44	53	97	...	97
New Hope....	Nash,....	P. H. Pernell, Louisburg,	Charles Winstead,..	4	...	..	..	..	..	..	8	5	13	..	13
Peach Tree. ...	Nash,....	W. J. Fulford, Nashville,	H M Warren, Spring Hope	1	18	1	1	11	7	2	....	.....	265	53	318
Philadelphia,...	Nash,. .	G. M Duke, Hilliardston,	J V Bunting. Hilliardston	4	26	1	..	..	2	..	51	53	104	2	106
Pleasant Grove,	Nash.....	P H. Pernell, Louisburg.	A. S. Baines, Nashville,..	3	...	3	1	..	..	..	32	63	95	7	102
Poplar Spring,.	Franklin,	A F Purefoy, Wake For'st	J. H Cheaves, Louisburg	3	17	..	3	3	..	..	58	160	218	35	253
Red Bud,.. . .	Franklin,	G. M. Duke, Hilliardston,	Sam'l Harper, Castalia,..	2	15	2	1	4	1	3	57	122	179	3	182

STATISTICAL TABLE.—*Continued.*

Churches.	Co nties	Pastor and his P. O.	Clerk and his P. O.	Sabbath of Preaching.	Addition			Dim't'n			White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored	Total.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.					
Red Oak,.....	Nash,....	W. J. Fulford, Nashville,	E T Barkley, Rocky Mt..	3	2	..	1	.	1	2	....	....	....	...	67
Reedy Creek,...	Warren,..	J A Pitchford, Warrenton	T J Pitchf'rd sr, Warr'nt'n	2	...	1	.	..	1	..	53	98	151	19	170
Rock Spring,...	Franklin,	W. C. Nowell, Earpsboro	J. H. Odum, Louisburg,.	2	...	3	...	..	1	..	27	38	65	...	65
Samaria,.....	Nash,....	" " "	Wesley Privett, Stanhope,	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	23	56	79	2	81
Sandy Creek,...	Franklin,	N. A. Purefoy, Warrenton	N. Davis, Cedar Rock,...	3	2	..	..	6	4	3	..	..	137	3	140
Sharon,.....	Warren,..	Not represented,.....	.....	....	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	....		...	...
Tarboro,.....	.....	Not represented, ...	.....	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	....	...	....	...	....
Warrenton....	Warren, ,	J. A. Mundy, Warrenton,	J. M Waddill, Warrenton	evry	3	..	..	..	..	..	36	66	102	...	102
Wilson,.....	Wilson,..	T. R. Owen, Tarboro,...	D. S. Hardy, Wilson,....	....	...	..	...	1	..	..	13	16	29	...	29
Zion,.....	Halifax,..	T J Rooke, Scotland Neck	B D Webb, Scotland N'k	1. 3.	1	6	..	2	..	..	33	45	78	...	78
Hawkins' Ch'p'l	Franklin,	Jefferson Burwell,	Geo. Pew,...	3	24	3	...	..	..	3	....	...	....	101	101
Shiloh, (col)...	Granville,	Jefferson Burwell,	Handy Crudup, Kittrell's,	4	109	6	..	..	..	4	...	.	...	455	455
					298				38	27	641	1295	2256	872	3322

FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.							PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS						TOTAL.
	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education Board.	Sunday School Board.	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education Board.	Association Missions.	Associational Fund.	Other Objects.	
Antioch	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 55	$	$ 2 00
Bear Swamp									4 00	4 70	9 63	2 00		20 33
Brown's												2 00		2 00
Conoconary												2 50		2 50
Cypress Chapel					50 00			60		50		1 00		52 10
Corinth										6 00		2 00		8 00
Cedar Rock												1 50		1 50
Gardner's			2 00		100 00		95 00					1 50		198 50
Greenville	9 00				500 00	65 00						2 00		576 00
Henderson		2 50	14 50	12 30	150 00	53 55		8 00	2 00	9 00	1 00	1 50		254 35
Hickory									70			1 50		2 20
Louisburg								2 00		4 00		2 00		8 00
Littleton														
Maple Spring			19 00		150 00			2 39	1 00	3 00		3 00		168 39
Mt. Olivet														
Mt. Zion	1 00	2 00	2 00				136 00	5 00	3 50	1 00	2 00	1 50		154 00
New Bethel					75 00	23 18	40 00					2 00		140 18
New Hope												1 00		1 00
Peach Tree										3 50		2 50		6 00
Philadelphia											2 45	2 00		4 45
Pleasant Grove											2 20	2 00		4 20
Poplar Spring									5 00		5 00	2 00		12 00

FINANCIAL TABLE---*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE YEAR.							PRESENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						TOTAL.
	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education Board.	Sunday School Board.	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses.	Other Objects.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education Board.	Association Missions.	Associational Fund.	Other Objects.	
Red Bud,	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 2 00	$	$ 3 00	$ 2 00	$	$ 7 00
Red Oak,								50		2 50		2 00		5 00
Reedy Creek,												2 45		2 45
Rock Spring,									1 65		1 65	1 25		4 55
Samaria,												1 00		1 00
Sandy Creek,												1 50		1 50
Sharon,														
Tarboro',														
Warrenton,	22 00	24 00		8 00	900 00	125 00	50 00					3 00		1,132 00
Wilson,				2 00					2 50	4 25	4 70	1 00		14 45
Zion,			7 00	5 00	350 00	50 00	45 00					2 50		560 00
Hawkin's Chapel,												2 50		2 50
Shiloh,												3 00		3 00
														$ 3,261 05

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENT & HIS POST OFFICE	Officers & teach'rs.	Average attend'ce.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	No. Kind W'ds tkn	Other Papers.	C'ntributi'ns for year			No. Months School kept open.
										S. School Board.	Other Objects.	Total.	
Cypress Chapel,	J. W. Moody, Louisburg,	3	3	46	30	15				$			10
Corinth				30	20								
Cedar Rock,	J. A. Coppedge, Cedar Rock,	8		45									
Greenville,	Thos. Carrick, Greenville,	8		56			500	40					12
Gardner's	John H. Nicholson, Macon Depot,	10	7	44	25	1	50			8 80	$ 8 32	$17 12	8
Henderson,	F. M. Meadows, Henderson,	7			40			12					
Mt. Zion,	F. Beal, Laurel,	4	3	40	31	4							
Maple Spring,	Dr W. C Lankford. Louisburg,	5	5	12									6
New Bethel,	Wm. Dickie,	6	4	50	30	8	30				13 00	13 00	4
Peach Tree,	J. T. Webb, Nashville,			50									
Red Bud,	D. R. Pearce, Castalia,	10	8	58	35	4	70		1				5
Rock Spring,	A. J. Underhill, Louisburg,	10	7	45	25		40						6
Samaria	Burtis Strickland, Wakefield	20		120									
Sandy Creek,	J. H. Gupton, Laurel,	8		56	35								
Warrenton,	Wm. A. White, Warrenton,	13		50	55		500	23	10				12
Zion, (4 schools,)	T. J. Rooke, Scotland Neck,	46	25	311	225		125	30		5 00	75 00	80 00	12
Hawkins' Chapel, (col.)				35									
Shiloh, (col'd),	Alfred Crudup	4		50									

No other Sabbath School Statistics reported.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION.—Prepared by W. C. Lankford.

Annual Session.	Where Held.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Text.	Number of Churches.	Membership.	Contributions.
1—1831	Sandy Creek,.....	James Sutherland,	Thomas Crocker,	Philemon Bennett,	Mal 3: 16, 17, 18,	14	935	$ 27 00
2—1832	Maple Spring,.....	" "	" "	" "	1 Tim. 4: 16,....	16	1,338	24 50
3—1833	Hickory Chapel,..	" "	" "	Thomas Crocker,..	John 17: 3,.....	18	1,457	25 55
4—1834	Allen's,.....	J. J. Finch,.....	S Sutherland,...	" "	2 Cor. 13: 5,.....	18	1,216	20 65
5—1835	Red Bud,.....	Jones Cooke.....	Thomas Crocker,	" "	2 Tim. 3: 16, 17,.	16	1,228	22 25
6—1836	Shiloh	" "	" "	James Delk,.....	2 Tim. 4: 2,. ...	16	986	18 00
7—1837	Peach Tree.....	" "	" "	Amos J Battle,....	2 Cor. 11: 28,....	16	1,083	40 22
8—1838	Reedy Creek,.....	" "	" "	James Delk,.....	Heb. 13: 1,.....	14	474	19 47
9—1839	Flat Rock,.....	" "	Dr T J Pitchford	Thomas Wilcox,...	Isaiah, 28: 16, 17.	15	1,061	24 25
10—1840	Bear Swamp..	" "	" "	Thomas Crocker,..	1 Tim 3: 8, 9,...	15	1,321	28 50
11—1841	Louisburg,.....	" "	" "	W. Hudgins,.....	2 Cor. 2: 16,.....	16	1,413	26 68
12—1842	Gardner's, ...	Jordan Denson,...	" "	Thos Wilcox,.....	2 Tim. 4: 2,.....	16	1,398	23 50
13—1843	Poplar Spring,...	" "	" "	W. Hudgins,.....	Phil. 2: 14,.....	16	1,649	24 00
14—1844	Brown's, ...	Jones Cooke,.....	" "	Thos. Wilcox,.....	1 Cor. 9: 14,....	16	1,302	23 22
15—1845	Maple Spring,. ...	W. Hudgins,.....	W. D. Webb,...	James J. Sledge,..	Romans 8: 33,...	18	2,074	28 65
*16—1846	Sandy Creek,.. ..	H. S Spivey,.....	" "	J. B. Solomon,....	2 Tim. 4: 2,.....	18	1,975	27 80
†17—1847	Enon, ...	Dr. T. J. Pitchford	" "	Thos. Wilcox,. ...	Mal. 1: 20,.....	19	2,120	24 50
18—1848	Hickory Chapel,..	G. W. Powell,....	" " ...	P. H. Smith,.. ..	John 8: 32,.....	19	1,847	20 35
19—1840	Haywood's	Dr T. J. Pitchford	P. H. Smith,.....	P. D. Pearce,.. ..	Is. 53; 7,.....	19	1,888	21 80
20—1850	Red Bud,..	" "	" "	P. H. Smith,.. ..	2 Cor. 6: 3, ...	20	1,297	17 25
21—1851	Warrenton,.....	" "	" "	R I. Devin,.....	Is. 3: 10,..... ..	21	1,642	20 50
22—1852	Flat Rock, ...	" "	" "	Thos. Wilcox.,....	Heb. 12: 25,.....	21	1,798	119 75
23—1853	Peach Tree,..... ..	" "	" " ...	J. K. White,.....	Ex. 16: 15,.. . .	19	1,984	28 03
24—1854	Reedy Creek.....	" "	" " ...	N. A. Purefoy, ...	1 Cor. 1: 10,. ...	19	2,062	28 75

25—1855	Perry's Chapel,....	Dr. T. J. Pitchford	G. M. L. Finch,.	P. H. Smith,.	Heb. 13: 1,.....	19	2,240	28 25
26—1856	Salem,.....	" "	" "	N. A. Purefoy,....	Jude 3v,.....	20	2,276	80 25
27—1857	Gardner's.....	" "	" "	G. M. L. Finch,...	Matt. 5: 14,.....	20	.....	112 60
28—1858	Poplar Spring,....	" "	" "	N. A. Purefoy,. ..	Jer. 8: 22,.....	23	2,421	108 85
29—1859	Sharon,...	" "	" "	G M. L Finch,...	Rom 1: 16,.....	24	2,470	313 81
30—1860	Franklinton,.. ...	" "	" "	J. S. Walthall,....	1 John 3: 3,.....	26	2,528	127 10
31—1861	Maple Spring,. ..	A. G. Jones,.....	" "	J. G. Barkley,.....	Mark 16: 15, 16,.	24	2,426	72 50
32—1862	Brown's,.....	Dr. T. J. Pitchford	" "	R. W. Delbridge,..	1 Peter 1: 8,.....	24	2,229	164 00
33—1863	Red Bud,.....	N. A. Purefoy,...	H. Petty,... ..	H. Petty,....	John 9: 4,.....	25	2,205	440 10
34—1864	.....	....	.. ..	....	....	....	.. ..	.....
35—1865	Hickory Chapel,...	John Watson,.....	L. M. Conyers,...	J. G Barkley,.....	John 16: 15,....	25	2,540	44 75
36—1866	Bear Swamp,.....	Dr. T. J. Pitchford	" "	Thos. Wilcox.....	Romans 8:.....	23	2,795	77 10
37—1867	Cypress Chapel,...	" "	" "	R. W. Delbridge,..	1 Cor. 9: 16,.....	23	2,991	58 70
38—1868	Red Oak,.....	" "	" "	N. A. Purefoy,....	Heb. 13: 1,.....	25	2,587	69 05
39—1869	Sharon,...	" "	" "	G. M. Duke,.....	2 Peter 3: 18,....	27	2,948	102 90
40—1870	Poplar Spring,....	N. A. Purefoy,....	J. A. Pitchford,.	N. A Purefoy,....	John 8: 8,.....	27	2,963	119 40
41—1871	Haywood's.....	Dr. T. J. Pitchford	M. Lankford,....	" "	Matt. 5: 14....	28	2,958	183 52
42—1872	Sandy Creek,.....	" "	" "	Thos. Wilcox,.....	Rom. 8: 35,.....	27	2,941	191 25
43—1873	Wilson,.....	" "	Dr W C Lankford	C. T. Bailey,.....	Gal. 6: 14,.....	31	2,906	150 71
44—1874	Philadelphia,.....	" "	" "	G. W. Newell,...	Prov. 4: 18,.....	34	3,072	212 32
45—1875	Reedy Creek,.....	" "	" "	T. J. Rooke,.....	Matt. 16: 24,....	34	2,852	235 45
46—1876	Henderson,.... ..	" "	" "	G. M. Duke,.....	Ps. 133: 1,.....	34	3,121	156 27
47—1877	Pleasant Grove,...	J. T. Webb,.... ..	Dr R M Johnson.	....	.....	34	3,264	171 14

*First collection taken for Baptist State Convention.

†First report on Missions, &c.

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

South River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Baptist Chapel, Sampson Co., N. C.,

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2, 1877.

Eld. A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator, Giles' Mills, N. C.
G. W. HIGHSMITH, Clerk, Clinton, N. C.

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JANUARY, 1878.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1st. Reading Church Letters and enrolling delegates.
2d. Election of Officers.
3d. Invitation to corresponding delegates and visitors.
4th. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5th. Appointment of Committees.
6th. Selection of place for next session.
7th. Reports of Committees.
8th. Miscellaneous Business.
9th. Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

BAPTIST CHAPEL, SAMPSON CO., N. C.

November 30th, 1877.

The First Session of the South River Baptist Association met with the church at Baptist Chapel, Sampson county, on Friday, Nov. 30th, 1877.

The weather being so very cold, the Introductory Sermon was dispensed with.

On motion, Elder A. B. Alderman was elected Moderator, pro tem.; Isham Royal, Clerk; D. R. Autry, Assistant Clerk.

On motion, called for petitioning letters. Nine churches from the Cedar Creek Association and one from the Eastern, presented their letters; also their church letters were read and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Salem.—Elder H. S. Spivey, Isham Royall and J. C. Howard.
Mt. Elam.—B. Warren, T. N. Jackson and Wm. Strickland.
Concord.—Elder R. Fisher, J. B. Downing and D J. Davis.
Baptist Chapel.—Elder A. B. Alderman, Elder S. C. Page and H. J. Lockamy.
Long Branch.—Jas. L. Autry, J. W. Autry and D. R. Autry.
Lilly's Grove.—Elder J. T. Townsend and S. J. Guy.
Spring Branch.—Elder S. Williford, L. W. Strickland and Jos. Naylor.
Pine Green.—Elder D. W. Tew, W. B. Royall and J. O. Tew.
White Oak.—A. C. Crumpler, W. J. Faircloth and Jos. Herring.
Brown's.—Elder H. J. Duncan, G. W. Highsmith and H. G. Britt.

Appointed J. C. Howard and Eld. S. Williford a Committee on Finance.

On motion, proceeded to election of officers, and appointed tellers to superintend election, as follows:

Moderator: G. W. Highsmith and H. J. Lockamy; Clerk: A. J. Cooper and Cephas Page, Treasurer: J. T. Townsend and R. Fisher.

Result: Elder A. B. Alderman, Moderator; G. W. Highsmith, Clerk; Jas. L. Autry, Treasurer.

On motion, took recess of half an hour.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of this church were appointed a committee on Religious Exercises.

Isham Royall, chairman committee on Constitution and By-Laws, proceeded to read the Constitution, which was adopted by sections.

Article 9th of the Constitution was passed over for consideration, and made special order for to-morrow morning' 11 o'clock.

On motion, By-Laws and Rules of Order adopted as reported by the committee.

On motion, committees were appointed as follows, to report on to-morrow:

Foreign Missions.—J. T. Townsend, H. J. Duncan and J. B. Downing.
Home Missions.—J. L. Autry, J. B. Downing and S. Williford.
Education.—I. Royal, J. C. Howard and S. Williford.
Sunday Schools.—D. R. Autry, D. W. Tew and Jas. Shipp.
Periodicals.—J. A. Beaman, I. Royal and G. W. Highsmith.
Digest of Letters.—J B. Downing, H. J. Duncan and H. G. Britt.
Correspondents.—I. Royal, J. L. Autry and J. T. Townsend.
Delegates to Baptist State Convention.—H. S. Spivey, I. Royal and S. C. Page.

Corresponding messengers invited to seats with us. C. S. Cashwell and Isaac Strickland, from the Cedar Creek and Nathan Weeks, from the Eastern Associations, were announced and welcomed.

Services at the stand conducted by Bro. C. S. Cashwell.

Proceeded to locate the next session of this body, Pine Green, Brown's and White Oak having petitioned for the

Association to meet with them, a call of the delegates was had, which resulted in favor of Pine Green.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Elder Williford, benediction by Elder Townsend.

SATURDAY, December 1st, 1877.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Moderator read 17th chapter of John. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Bell.

List of churches and roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read, corrected and adopted.

Special order for 11 o'clock having arrived, Article IX of the Constitution, was taken up and adopted as reported by the committee.

Services at the stand conducted by Bro. J. W. Bell.

The following were appointed as an Executive Board: Isham Royal, J. L. Autry, S. J. Guy, H. G. Britt and L. W. Strickland.

Elder Townsend offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we will use our strongest efforts in raising funds for missionary purposes.

Reports of committees called for.

Eld. Townsend submitted report on Foreign Missions, which was, on motion, adopted.

J. L. Autry read report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

I. Royal read report on Education. Adopted.

Report on Sabbath School read by D. R. Autry and adopted.

On motion, a committee on Sunday School Institutes was

appointed: D. R. Autry, H. J. Duncan, D. W. Tew, J. W. Autry and S. J. Guy, committee.

J. C. Howard submitted report of Finance Committee. Adopted.

Leave of absence was granted J. C. Howard for remainder of session.

Report on Periodicals, read by I. Royal, adopted.

On motion, took recess of half an hour.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business.

On motion, Eld. Townsend was appointed a committee on Intemperance.

J. B. Downing submitted report of Digest of Church Letters. Adopted.

I. Royal, from the committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention reported. Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association being present with any session with which we correspond be considered a delegate.

Committee on Intemperance reported by Eld. Townsend. Adopted.

Services at the stand by Elder R. Fisher.

On motion, the Finance Committee was requested to turn over the funds in their hands to the Treasurer.

Query sent up by Baptist Chapel, after some discussion, was laid on the table.

I. Royal offered the following which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered, to the citizens of this community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and visitors.

Clerk allowed five dollars for his services, and the balance

of the minute fund appropriated for printing and distributing minutes

Appointed the following brethren to preach stated sermons at next session :

Introductory Sermon—Elder S. Williford; Alternate, Elder R. Fisher.
Missionary Sermon—Eld. A. B. Alderman; Alternate, Eld. H. S. Spivey.

On motion, Elder Townsend was requested to preach the Missionary Sermon on to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next meeting.

Closing exercises conducted by Elder Spivey. Closing hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds." During the singing the parting hand was given. Prayer by Elder Duncan. Benediction by Elder Spivey.

A. B. ALDERMAN, Moderator.

G. W. Highsmith, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY, December 2d, 1877.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was held in the church. The exercises were opened by most excellent singing by Bro. Jackson and his class. Prayer by I. Royal. Singing. Address by Elder J. W. Bell. Singing. Address by Elder H. J. Duncan. Singing. The addresses, though short, were well conceived, and the speakers acquitted themselves finely. This Church has a fine School.

The Sunday School cause in this Association is in a very prosperous condition.

Repaired to the stand. Missionary sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Townsend from Proverbs xv: 32. Collection at the stand for Missions amounting to $10.75. J. O. Alderman, a little boy, gave one dollar for Foreign Missions: several other little boys and girls contributed. but the writer did not get their names.

Thus closed one of the most harmonious meetings it has ever been the pleasure of the writer to witness.

Clerk.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee on Foreign Missions feel, in submitting their report, that they cannot too strongly urge the great importance of Foreign Missions. The great commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And God will not hold us guiltless if we disregard his command. Brethren the field is white unto the harvest; let us aid the destitute heathen.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. TOWNSEND,
H. J. DUNCAN,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned," (Mark xvi: 15 and 16), was the command to the Disciples, and Christ promises to be with them. This duty now rests upon us as Christians, with the same promises.

Your committee feel the importance of sending the gospel to every place around us, where it is not preached. We recommend that every pastor lay the importance of the missionary work before all his churches, and take up collections often for this object.

We would also recommend a general missionary, whose duty it shall be to labor in the destitute fields of this Association, and that he shall be compensated for the same, by this Association, and make reports of his work as the Association may direct.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. AUTRY,
SAMSON WILLIFORD,
J. B. DOWNING,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee considers the training of the mind of the utmost importance—a subject in which all should feel a deep interest, especially the education of the ministry, that they may follow the advice of Paul "Study

to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We are gratified to learn that there is a large number of young men in different parts of the State who are striving to prepare themselves for the great and important work of declaring the unsearchable riches of Christ; also that eight young ministers are now at Wake Forest College receiving aid from the Education Board.

Brethren, the Board of Education is appealing to us not only to aid in educating these young men, but also to aid them in giving assistance to many others who are appealing to the Board to receive them as beneficiaries. Shall we turn a deaf ear to all of these appeals? Shall we say to the Board, reject all of these applications? Or shall we come forward and assist in this great work? Let us determine that we will assist in this matter, and that we will at least look after the young ministers within our bounds, and encourage and aid them.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That we will bring the subject of ministerial education before our churches during the year, and endeavor to raise funds for this object.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL,
SAMSON WILLIFORD,
J. C. HOWARD,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

		Minute Fund.	Home Missions
Dec. 1, 1877.	Received from Salem Church,....	$ 3 00	$ 3 00
"	" " Mt. Elam Church,.... ...	3 00	.....
"	" " Baptist Chapel Church,....	3 00	5 36
"	" " Concord " ...	3 00	....
"	" " Long Branch " ...	3 00	.....
"	" " Lilly's Grove " ...	3 00	. .....
"	" " White Oak " ...	3 00	... .
"	" " Pine Green " ...	3 00	3 43
"	" " Spring Branch " ...	3 00	3 60
"	" " Brown's " ...	3 00	3 35
	Totals,.....	$ 30 00	$ 18 74

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HOWARD,
S. WILLIFORD,
Committee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to submit that they feel

incompetent to do anything like justice to such an important subject. And as we cannot visit all the churches to impress its importance, we would earnestly recommend that each pastor in the bounds of this Association deliver at least one sermon during the year, to each of his churches, on the subject of Sabbath Schools, and arouse if possible a greater interest in the cause.

And we further recommend to your body the inauguration of Sunday School Institutes, or some plan whereby the people at large can be brought into a more lively action on this important subject, and thus we hope much and lasting good may be accomplished in the name of our Blessed Redeemer.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. AUTRY,
JAS. SHIPP,
D. W. TEW,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

We take pleasure in recommending the *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptists in North Carolina, as an able expounder of the Bible, and an advocate of all the objects that tend to advance the cause of Christ, and urgently request every family to subscribe for it.

We also recommend *Kind Words*, a Sunday School paper published at Macon, Ga., by Rev. S. Boykin; also, *The Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., by the Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BEAMAN,
G. W. HIGHSMITH,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave to submit the following:

We recommend a correspondence with the following Associations:

CEDAR CREEK.—*Delegates*—Fleet H. Howard, S. A. Guy, J. T. Townsend, J. W. Downing, D. W. Tew and H. G. Britt.

CAPE FEAR.—*Delegate*—Reuben Fisher.

EASTERN.—*Delegates*—G. W. Highsmith, H. J. Duncan and J. W. Bell.

LITTLE RIVER.—*Delegates*—A. B. Alderman, Cephas Page, Samson Williford and H. S. Spivey.

Respectfully submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL,
J. L. AUTRY,
J. T. TOWNSEND,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Recommend the following : Elders H. S. Spivey, A. B. Alderman, J. T. Townsend, Samson Williford, H. J. Duncan, J. W. Bell, D. W. Tew, and Brethren L. W. Strickland and David R. Autry.

S. C. PAGE,
H. S. SPIVEY,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee to report a Digest of a State of Religion in the churches, as designated by the Church Letters, beg leave to submit the following :

Brown's Church has been revived; received 18 by baptism and 8 by letter; has a flourishing Sabbath School; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor. Time of meeting 4th Sunday and day before.

Baptist Chapel has been revived; received by baptism 13; has a flourishing Sabbath School; Elder W. M. Page is pastor. Time of meeting 2nd Sunday and day before.

Concord has had a glorious revival; received 12 by baptism; Elder R. Fisher, pastor. Time of meeting 1st Sunday and day before.

Lilly's Grove has been somewhat revived; received 4 by baptism; Elder A. B. Alderman is pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sabbath and day before.

Long Branch has had a glorious revival; received by baptism 26; Elder H. S. Spivey is pastor. Time of meeting 2d Sunday and day before.

Mount Elam.—Nothing special; Elder W. M. Page is pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sunday and day before.

Pine Green.—Nothing special; Elder W. M. Page is pastor; has a flourishing Sabbath School. Time of meeting 4th Sunday and day before.

Salem.—Rec'd 4 by Baptism; has a weekly prayer meeting; good Sunday School; Elder H. S. Spivey pastor. Time of meeting 3rd Sabbath and day before.

Spring Branch.—In peace; Elder S. Williford pastor. Time of meeting 1st Sunday and day before.

White Oak.—No accessions and no pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DOWNING,
H. G. BRITT,
H. J. DUNCAN,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.*

CHURCHES.	Males.	Females	Colored.	Total.
Browns,	50	82	....	132
Baptist Chapel,	69	113	....	182
Concord,	37	85	....	122
Lilly's Grove,	20	27	....	47
Long Branch,	43	43	...	86
Mt. Elam,	32	42	...	74
Pine Green,	....	....	....	142
Salem,	66	119	7	192
Spring Branch,	62	116	...	178
White Oak,	39	74	....	113
Totals	418	721	7	1,288

*Connect this with Digest of Church Letters.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be denominated and known as "THE SOUTH RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christs Kingdom among men; and the means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the Churches connected with it, each Church being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 4. The delegates from each Church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, giving an account of the condition of their church, and a statement of all funds contributed for benevolent purposes during the year.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen from among its members, by ballot, by a majority of members voting, and shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside during the deliberations of the body, enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve decorum, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any subject under consideration after others are done speaking, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the Churches, and that he shall be required to keep a file of minutes

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the Churches, or collected during the session of this body and disburse the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the Treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall annually appoint an Executive Board of five members, who shall have the superintendance of Associational Missions, and such other objects as may be intrusted to them. They shall have power to disburse all sums paid to them by the Treasurer of the Association for the objects under their charge, and to collect and disburse funds for those objects during the interval between the meetings of this

body. The members of this Board shall be amenable to the Association for their acts, and shall make to the Association an annual report of their doings.

Art. 10. Any Church desiring to become a member shall present her petition at an annual session of the body, through delegates appointed for that purpose; and if the Association shall consent to receive her the Moderator shall extend the right of fellowship to the delegates.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the Churches that neglect to preserve gospel order,

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting brethren to seats, and extend to them all the privileges of regular delegates except that of voting.

Art. 13. The Annual Session of this body shall commence on Thursday before the third Sabbath in November at such place as the Association may select.

Art. 14. By appointment there shall be preached at each annual session an Introductory Sermon and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1st. On the meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Clerk shall call the Association together and a Moderator pro. tem. shall be elected.

2d. Each sesssion of the Association shall be opened and closed with religious exercises to be conducted by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may name.

3d. At each daily session, before proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous day be read.

4th. The members shall observe toward the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes christians.

5th. Any member wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself strictly to the subject under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6th. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission.

7th. All motions shall receive a second before being considered; then they shall be definitely stated by the Moderator before discussion.

8th. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9th. When a question is under consideration, no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are stated.

10th. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11th. No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the Moderator; and none shall take final leave of absence without permission of the Association; and if any shall do so their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12th. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13th. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted for consideration.

14th. These Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any regular session of the Association by a majority of votes.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.
Brown's,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	G. W. Highsmith,	Clinton.
Baptist Chapel,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	H. J. Lockamy,	Hawley's Store.
Concord,	R. Fisher,	Blocker's,	D. J. Davis,	Robins' Hill.
Lilly's Grove,	A. B. Alderman,	Giles' Mills	W. R. Haywood,	Fayetteville.
Long Branch,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	D. R. Autry,	Dismal.
Mt. Elam,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	B. Warren,	Hawley's Store.
Pine Green,	W. M. Page,	Hawley's Store,	J. A. Beaman,	Clinton.
Salem,	H. S. Spivey,	Clinton,	J. C. Howard,	Huntly's.
Spring Branch,	S. Williford,	Giles' Mills,	D. Williford,	Giles' Mills.
White Oak,	No Pastor,		R. N. Butler,	Clinton.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Waccamaw Association

OF THE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH,

HELD WITH THE

Springfield Church, Horry Co., S. C.,

Nov. 15, 16, 17 & 18, 1877.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
January, 1878.

Officers of the Association.

Moderator:

ELDER D. N. GORE, Whiteville, N. C.

Clerk:

BRO. E. MEARES, Clarkton, N. C.

Finance Committee:

ELDER J. SOWLS, Piaway, N. C.
ELDER R. J. LONG, Shallotte, N. C.
BRO. JABISH FRINK, Shallotte, N. C.
BRO. W. S. FRINK, Peacock's, N. C.
BRO. WM. HEUGHS, Hickman's, S. C.

Treasurer:

W. S. FRINK, Peacock's, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS & POST OFFICES.

Bennett, Joel	Shallotte,	N. C.	Long, R. J.	Shallotte,	N. C.
Boyd, Daniel	Hickman's,	S. C.	Millican, Nathan	Shallotte,	"
Brown, B. A.	Buckville,	"	Martin, W. D.	Port Hamilton,	S. C.
Brown, A. N.	Conwayboro,	"	McCaskill, W. S.	Green Sea,	"
Cannon, Wm.	Green Sea,	"	Noble, A. M.	Conwayboro,	"
Cribb, Richard	Blackmingo,	"	Pridgeon, Moses	Green Sea,	"
Carroll, G. A.	Timmonsville,	"	Rodgers, Reuben	Conwayboro,	"
Gore, J. W.	Mineral Spring,	"	Sowles, Joshua	Piaway,	N. C.
Gore, D. N.	Whiteville,	N. C.			

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LICENTIATES AND POST OFFICES.

Boyd, Wm.	Conwayboro,	S. C.	Millican, Eli	Shallotte,	N. C.
Butler, R. G.	Whiteville,	N. C.	Owens, T. M.	Bucksville,	S. C.
Carter, A. W.	Board Landing,	S C	Reaves, J. J.	Nixonville,	"
Grainger, H. D.	Green Sea,	"	Sellars, B. G.	Shallotte,	N. C.
Harrelson, John	Hickman's,	"	Thompson, S. H.	Green Sea,	S. C.
Hamilton, J. H.	Conwayboro,	"			

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Nov. 15th, A. D. 1877.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Elder A. M. NOBLES preached from Heb. 7: 25-26.

After an intermission of 20 minutes the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Sung 547th hymn; read 46th Psalm; prayer by Elder W. D. MARTIN.

The list of churches was called.

The Moderator then appointed as Committee on Finance Elders J. SOWLS and R. J. LONG, and Brethren JABISH FRINK, W. S. FRINK and WM. HEUGHS.

The Church Letters were read and names of delegates enrolled.

On motion, permanently organized: Elder D. N. GORE was re-elected Moderator; E. MEARES was re-elected Clerk.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Vigilance.—R. D. Best, S. A. Barnes, S. P. Hickman.

To Supply the Stand.—Wm. Heughs, J. C. Stanaland and J. L. Powell.

Sabbath Schools.—Elders A. M. Nobles, R. J. Long, and Brethren H. M. Anderson and Dr. J. F. Harrel.

Ministerial Examination and Ordination.—Elders R. J Long, J. Sowls and W. D. Martin.

Baptist State Convention.—Elder J. W. Gore, Brethren E. White and R. C. Powell.

Education.—Elders A. M. Nobles, N. Millican and Rev. Wm. Boyed.

Special Changes.—Elder R. J. Long, Brethren Jesse Lancaster and H. M. Anderson.

Correspondence.—Brethren S. F. Norris, D. B. McKithen and Samuel Frink.

Periodicals.—Elders A. M. Nobles, W. D. Martin and Dr. G. H. Macon.

Missions.—Rev. W. B. Hamilton, Deacons A. M. Gore and J. L. Powell.

Ministerial Qualification and Support.—Elders J. Sowls, J. W. Gore, and Brethren R. D. Best, D. B. McKithen and J. L. Wescott.

On motion the Moderator appointed the following Brethren a committee to prepare by-laws for the organization and government of a Missionary Board, viz: Elders A. M. NOBLES, R. J. LONG, M. PRIDGEON and J. SOWLS.

The Moderator then extended an invitation to churches wishing to connect with this body, when the following were received: Hickory Grove, Pleasant Hill, (S. C.), Conway-

boro, Pleasant Union, Green Swamp Union, Pee Dee, United Churches and Beulah.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock to-morrow. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, November 16th.

Moderator read part of 2nd chap. Acts; sung 636 hymn; prayer by J. L. WESCOTT.

Minutes of yesterday read and received.

Committee to supply the stand reported that there would be preaching at the stand by Elders J. W. GORE and JESSE BLANTON in the forenoon, and Elders E. D. JOHNSON and H. H. HOLMES in the afternoon.

The invitation to churches to connect with this body was renewed.

An invitation to correspondents and visiting brethren was extended, when Dr. J. F. HARREL, Elder H. H. HOLMES and Brethren J. L. WESCOTT and E. H. TODD, from the Cape Fear Association, came forward and were welcomed to seats; also Elder E. D. JOHNSON, of Cedar Creek Association, and Dr. G. H. MACON of Sunberry Association, (Ga).

Report of Treasurer was read, received and ordered appended to the minutes.

Report on Periodicals read, and the subject discussed at large by Brethren J. L. WESCOTT, Elder A. M. NOBLES, Dr. J. F. HARRELL, R. GRISSETT and Elder R. J. LONG. Report received and ordered appended.

Recess of 30 minutes.

On resuming business, the report on Missions was read, received and ordered appended.

Report on Baptist State Convention read and ordered appended.

Report of committee on Correspondents read, received and ordered appended.

The General Missionary Agent submitted his report, which was received and ordered appended.

The Sabbath School Agent submitted his report, which was received and ordered appended.

Report of Committee on Examination and Ordination for past year was submitted, received and ordered appended.

On motion, Elders A. M. NOBLES, D. N. GORE and W. D.

MARTIN were appointed a Committee to represent this Association in the State Convention of South Carolina.

On motion, the location of the 4th session of this Association was made the next business in order.

Decided by ballot that the 4th session be held with Buck Creek church, Horry county, S. C., commencing on Thursday before 3d Sabbath in November, 1878; Elder W. S. McCASKILL to preach the Introductory Sermon, at 10½ A. M., Elder J. SOWLS alternate; Elder D. N. GORE to preach Missionary Sermon on Sunday, Elder R. J. LONG alternate.

On motion, adjourned to 10½ to-morrow. Prayer by Dr. J. F. HARREL.

SATURDAY, November 17.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator read 5th chap. Romans; Hymn 691; prayer by Elder W. D. MARTIN.

Minutes of yesterday read and received.

It was then announced that there would be preaching at the stand by Elders W. S. McCASKILL and Dr. G. H. MACON in the forenoon, and Elders E. D. JOHNSON and H. H. HOLMES in the afternoon.

The following committee was appointed to select and recommend some one of the Ministers to the General Missionary work within our bounds, viz:

Brethren Wm. E. Gore, J. W. Hardee, Wm. Boyd, N. White, W. A. Spivey, J. W. Marlow, R. C. Powell, A. M. Gore, T. J. Stanley, A. S. H. Martin, S. F. Norris, J. Pridgeon, D. B. McKithen, Ed. White, A. W. Carter, J. A. Tendol, Wm. S. Frink, H. M. Anderson, S. J. Cannon, Jabish Frink, S. T. Stephens, Jesse Lancaster, Wm. Heughs, T. D. McOwen, J. W. Cox, R. G. W. Grissett, John Owens, G. M. Rabon, J. H. Little, J. Williamson, W. T. Todd, E. Hickman and S. H. Thompson.

Committee on Missionary Board reported. Report received and ordered appended.

Report on Changes was read, received and ordered appended.

Report on Sabbath Schools was read. Col. MEMORY then addressed the Association on the subject of Sabbath Schools. Received and ordered appended.

Recess of 30 minutes.

Afternoon Session.

Report of Committee to secure a Missionary to travel in the bounds of the Association was read, received and ordered to be appended.

Report on Ministerial Qualification and Support was read, when Bro. Wescott and Prof. Ivey each discussed the subject, making stirring appeals peculiar to the importance of the subject. Report received and ordered appended.

Report on Education read, Prof. Ivey making a very appropriate speech on the subject. Report received and ordered appended.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That any and all churches belonging to this Association, having aspirants to ordination to the Gospel Ministry, shall request the ordaining Presbytery of the said Association to convene at the church to which the said aspirant belongs, or holds his membership, and that when a majority of the said Presbytery shall so convene, they shall proceed to examine, in the presence of said church, said aspirant, and if, in the judgment of a majority of the Presbytery, such aspirant be worthy and competent, they may proceed to ordain him: but if not, they shall reject him, and this Association will endorse none who do not comply with this resolution.

On motion, the Clerk was ordered to have 800 copies of the minutes of this session printed and to distribute them pro. rata.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $15 for his services.

On motion, the Association gave way for the organization of the Board, after which the Association was called to order again.

The following resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Brethren of Springfield Church, and citizens of the neighborhood, for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

On motion, adjourned to 10½ A. M., to-morrow. Sung "Dismiss us with Thy blessing, Lord." Prayer by Elder D. N. Gore.

Sunday Morning, Nov. 18th.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met at the

Church for Sunday School Mass-meeting. The audience being so vast that it was evident that it would be utterly impracticable to accommodate them in the house, whereupon the Moderator and speakers repaired to the stand, and the Moderator then announced the order of services for the day, viz:

Col. T. S. MEMORY, Sunday School address.
Prof. S. IVEY to preach the Missionary Sermon.
Elder D. N. GORE to conduct the closing exercises.

Col. MEMORY responded by singing a hymn, and Elder J. W. GORE lead in prayer; it was indeed the prayer for the occasion. Col. MEMORY then made an address to the congregation which seemed to give general satisfaction.

Elder IVEY then followed with an able and highly appreciative sermon, founded on Phillippians iii: 14.

The Moderator then rose and offered some thoughts; made stirring appeals to the congregation; sang the hymn "Am I a soldier of the cross?" and took up a collection amounting to $14.30. Then took the parting hand. The parting was one of truly feeling character.

Thus closed the third session of the Waccamaw Association; one long to be remembered, and one in which we trust much good was and will be accomplished.

DAVID N. GORE, MODERATOR.

ELIHU MEARES, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Reports of Committees, &c.

ON PERIODICALS.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee are of the opinion that there is too little attention given to the selection and reading of our Denominational periodicals, especially among the rising generation, and as young people are generally fond of reading we should be careful in our selection of reading matter, for, as reading is the key to all knowledge it is very essential that the matter furnished should be of the very best kind, in order to improve the mind, direct and lead the person to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the fountain of all happiness. And to this end we believe it is the duty of every Baptist to take a denominational paper for the benefit of himself and family, and the building up of the Redeemer's Kingdom; and we do believe that no minister of the gospel can truly discharge his duty as pastor to any congregation, that does not take one or more of his denominational papers, and impress upon the minds of the church he has in charge to do the same. And we do especially recommend to ministers and members to take the following papers: *The Working Christian*, published at Columbia, S. C.; *The Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C.; *The Baptist*, published at Memphis, Tenn.; *Battle Flag*, published at Louisville, Ky. They are all real landmark Baptist papers, and edited by our best learned ministers and pious christians in the Southern States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. NOBLES,
DR. J. MACON,
W. D. MARTIN,
Committee.

ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee feel that the command of our blessed Saviour is to preach the gospel to every creature. Now it should be strictly observed by all his people to urge a more devoted effort on the part of pastors and churches for the accomplishment of the work committed to them in having the gospel preached to the destitute parts of our land and country, and we would therefore recommend to all the churches the duty of regularly contributing to the Association fund and to the support of the gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. POWELL, *Chairman.*

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee report that the general agency of the Sunday School work be continued, with instructions to divide the associational field into

six or more Sunday School districts, with volunteer sub-agents for each district, to co-operate with the superintendents and pastors for organizations like Sabbath School Institutes, adopting a systematic plan of support like the Little Leader plan, and report progress to the general agent, who can, early in Spring appoint and preside over a general uniting of the sub-schools of each district and more fully organize for the year's conflict. That the agent be allowed $1.50 per day, the deficiency to be supplied by public collection by agent and pastor when the financial plan fails to be self-sustaining.

COMMITTEE.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Your Committee on the Baptist State Convention beg leave to report: The object of the Convention is to provide means for the spread of the gospel among the nations of the earth and more particularly among the heathen and destitute portions of the State, and as we find in the midst of council there is safety, we do recommend a speedy co-operation with the South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. GORE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON GENERAL MISSIONARY.

Your Committee to confer with the ministers and suggest a suitable minister to act as General Missionary Agent for the Association, beg leave to say that they have unanimously agreed that Elder D. N. Gore be the agent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. CORE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Dear Brethren: In submitting this report, we are forced from the chain of circumstances to say that our hearts are saddened as we learn of the decease of our aged and much respected brother, Elder M. R. Martin, who died in the 78th year of his life. We, however, must say that while we mourn his loss and sympathize with the bereft and sorrowing family, that we do feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Respectfully submitted,

H. M. ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT CORRESPONDENTS.

To the Cape Fear Association.—Elder D. N. Gore, E. Meares and U. F. Boswell.

To the Cedar Creek Association.—Elder J. W. Gore, W. S. Frink and Edward White.

To the Pee Dee Association.—Elders A. M. Nobles, W. D. Martin, J. A. Mayo and J. W. Gore.

To the Eastern Association.—Elder R. J. Long, Jesse Lancaster and Jabish Frink.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. NORRIS,
D. McKITHEN,
SAMUEL FRINK,
Committee.

ON ORDAINING.

Your Committee to examine and ordain applicants to the Gospel Ministry do submit the following report: That at the request of his respective church we did, on the 26th day of July, A. D. 1877, at the Mount Olive Church, examine and by the imposition of hands set apart to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, our Brother MOSES PRIDGEON.

A. M. NOBLES,
R. ROGERS,
Committee.

ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATION AND SUPPORT.

Dear Brethren: The suject before us is one so fraught with importance that we scarcely know how or where to begin. Nevertheless we beg leave to call your attention to the fact that as our posterity are dependent upon the ability of the ministry of our country for their light and spiritual knowledge, and for the proper understanding of those gospel truths which are to shape their destinies in vast eternity, we do claim that the ministry should be men possessing qualifications adequate to such an important work. Therefore, as to qualifications:

1st. The ministry should be men about whose personal piety there can be no reasonable grounds of doubt.

2d. And they should be men who have been proved for a reasonable time as being sound in the faith, stability of principles and aptness to teach, and if possible let them be men who do possess education sufficient to convey intelligibly their ideas, views and opinions. In order, therefore, to attain to such an end, we claim that to cheerfully and liberally contribute of our pecuniary means to the ample and honorable support of the Gospel Ministry is the bounden and indispensable duty of each and all of God's people.

We do hope that the day is not far distant when such a pleasing state of affairs will exist, and then shall we see the desert blossom as the rose.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. NOBLE, *Chairman*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The waneing interest in the cause of general education in the South is made manifest by the meagre support of our colleges, missionary enterprises and religious literature, and we painfully acknowledge the truth when we say that many of our cherished institutions are going into the

hands of strangers, and our offspring, from our neglect of their necessity, estranged therewith; and in this common evil we may suspect a common cause.

Is there a want of considerate appreciation or self-esteem? or, is the passion for personal aggrandizement or hasty gain degrading to the human mind inclining us to live and move regardless of the rights of others. We openly confess that a liberal education is the birth-right of every child of the church, yet we learn that nine-tenths of their time and labor is converted into merchandise. The Bible enjoins general and special intelligence. All our professionals, officers, magistrates, teachers and men in high places, might, could and should be of this persuasion. The school teacher is the only functionary now that is compelled to arm himself with a certificate of good moral character, and a large majority of them in this community are of our persuasion, and should become a power in the land; for during the old field school days the men and women are made what they are, especially their religious taste and character while striving to imitate and please their teachers, and from this source we have many illustrious examples like YATES, JUDSON, and others.

An educated mass could more wisely appreciate and prefer an educated ministry, and with the congregation remain the rise and fall of this scriptural standard of belief, and in these days of advertisement one of the most gloomy facts chronicled by our State Boards this year is that the education fund has fallen off about 50 per cent.

Your Committee would recommend a more favorable consideration of all means and schools within our reach, as many of them are made more efficient by encouragement, and that one good Academy or High School should be conveniently established for special patronage, not in competition with, but in subordinate course to, our Collegiate Institutions, which they may be prepared to enter before the adequate amount set apart to their graduation is exhausted by transportation and other expensive preliminaries now incumbent; and young men unable to pay reasonable board and tuition should be encouraged to avail themselves of the cabin or mess plan; a young man free from debt can find a friend to enter college and wag along on short means, while previous encumbrance would darken hi prospects.

To this end we recommend the immediate organization of an Education Board or Committee, with no power to contract debt, but responsible for the judicious application of any donation or means entrusted to their care in this behalf; they should be practical men with no axe to grind, but chosen for active service, as men that educate their own children are always friendly to the education of others.

Further, we believe it to be the religious duty of every Association to be prepared to point out to the youth of their church a school worthy of the sons of the prophets, and until this Association is successful in organizing one within their immediate bounds, the patronage of Rev. S. IVEY's school now in session at Whiteville, N. C., is heartily recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF REV. D. N. GORE, GENERAL AGENT FOR THE WACCAMAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren: Having been requested to act as your General Agent in the itinerant field, I commenced my work according to contract immediately after our last meeting of the Association. I made two trips amongst the churches, and they having failed to pay me anything, and as I had

fallen behind three hundred and fifty dollars clear loss on the past two years' labor, I was forced to vacate the field. I however filled the vacancy with other brethren who experienced like failure; and on the 20th of June last I resumed my field, having secured funds from my Georgia Mission sufficient to enable me to run my work for the balance of the year. Since the resumption of my field of labor I have collected in cash and presents the sum of ninety-six dollars and fifteen cents; I have drawn on the Treasurer of the Executive Committee, Bro. W. S. Frink, to the amount of ten dollars, making a sum total of $108.15. I have travelled for you in all 97 days; preached 136 sermons; baptised 80 persons; restored a great many; constituted 1 church; dedicated 1; and hope that many good impressions have been made. I have strove amidst all my persecutions and crosses to teach correctly, and to preach the truth. I have strove to keep a conscience clear of offense; as such I make no apologies—I ask only for what I merit.

But in submitting my report I must say this, dear brethren: As you value the cause of your Great Redeemer, and the salvation of sinners, wake up! wake up! Too little interest, by far too little, is being taken in the mission cause. You need intelligent ministers, and in order to make them such you must exert a more healthy influence in your charity. I could aid you in bringing men to the work whose influence would be felt, and their teaching would make lasting impressions for good, if I had any certainty of their support.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I am thankful to God for his many mercies conferred upon me in the past, and also to the few dear brethren and sisters who have been faithful and true to me; while I do humbly ask God's choice blessings to rest upon my feeble efforts, and pray for the pardon of the sins of false brethren and deluded sisters.

I now bid the brethren and sisters an affectionate farewell, requesting at the same time that when I shall fail to greet them on earth that they will do me the justice to inscribe to my memory this epitaph: *De mortius nil nisi bonum.* May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

D. N. GOBE,
Gen. Agent Waccamaw Association.

RECAPITULATION :

Waccamaw Baptist Association in acc't with Rev. D. N. GORE.

Nov. 12th, 1877.	To 97 days services,.....		$ 148 50
	By cash and presents collected,..... ...$	98 15	
	" per W. S. Frink, Treasurer,...	10 00	
			108 15
	Balance due up to date,.....		$ 40 35

REPORT OF ELDER A. M. NOBLE.

Dear Brethren :—By the mercies of God I am now permitted to give you an account of my labors the present Associational year as Sunday School Agent in the bounds of the Waccamaw Missionary Baptist Association.

I commenced to travel in the month of January, and visited a part of the churches, but was hindered from visiting any churches in February on account of sickness of my wife, but did travel in March, May, June, July and August, although I have not visited all the churches in the bounds of the Asseciation. In January I found all the Sunday Schools in winter quarters, but after that I found them awake and at work but quite destitute of books. I found but six Sunday Schools that had any books but the

Bible and Testaments. I have travelled and received contributions as follows :

	Visits.	Am't		Visits.	Am't.
Macedonia,....	2	$ 50	Friendship,..... ...	2	$ 3 50
Cane Branch,..	1	40	Beulah,.....	2	4 20
Springfield,.....	2	1 70	Buck Creek,.....	2	3 50
Iron Hill,..... ...	3	3 85	Oak Grove,....	2	....
Mount Tabor,.....	3	4 75	Pleasant View,.....	1	....
New Hope,.....	3	2 07	Steritt's Swamp,.....	1	1 50
Pleasant Hill,..	3	4 10	United Church,.....	1	....
Mount Olive,.....	3	4 50	Seven Creeks,.	1	...
Honey Camp,.....	3	2 40	Bethlehem,.....	1	....
Pleasant Meadow,.....	2	1 60	Cedar Grove.....	5	7 50
Cedar Bay,...	2	...	Pauley Swamp,..... .	2	1 05
Shallotte,.....	2	3 89			

And thus, brethren, I have traveled, since the last Association, 67 days; preached 78 sermons; delivered 86 Sunday School addresses; assisted in the constitution of one church and in ordaining one preacher, and Baptised 45 persons, and received in cash and presents $49.01, which is an average of 73 cents per day. I was compelled to leave the field of operation for want of support, and now I must say to you that I have not been able to accomplish the object the Association had in view and hoped to carry out by her agent; and I have fell equally short in success of the building up of that blessed institution. I now recommend the Association to discontinue the Sunday School Agent for one year at least.

Brethren, my health has generally been good, and I have been kindly received by brethren and friends wherever I have visited as a preacher, and my addresses have been attentively listened to, but if any good has been accomplished the agent don't know it—but he hopes that it may be like the bread cast on the waters in days yet to come.

And now, my dear brethren, I return to you my sincere thanks for the confidence you placed in me in appointing me to the important duty of endeavoring to wake up the churches to duty in training their own and neighbors' children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. O may the time soon come when every church will be able to see and perform her duty in this great work, is the prayer of your humble servant,

A. M. NOBLE, *Agent.*

DIGEST OF STATE OF RELIGION AS INDICATED BY CHURCH LETTERS.

Hickory.—All at peace. W. H. Hambleton, pastor.
Cedar Bay.—Brotherly love prevails.
Pawley Swamp.—All in peace. H. H. Holmes, pastor.
Seven Creeks.—All in peace. J. Sowls, pastor.
Conwayboro.—All in peace.
Pleasant Hill, Seems to be in peace. Good Sunday School.
Pleasant Springs.—In peace. Wm. Cannon, pastor.
Cane Branch.—Has a Sunday School. W. S. McCaskill, pastor.
United Churches Has been blessed with the Holy Spirit.
Springfield.—All in peace.
Honey Camp Has had a glorious revival. J. Sowls, pastor.
Mt. Tabor.—All in peace. J. H. Blanton, pastor.

Oak Grove.—Have had good meetings. B. A. Brown, pastor.
Mt. Olive Seems to be in a prosperous condition.
Pee Dee.—All in peace. Has a Sunday School. Elder Noble, pastor.
Cedar Grove Rejoices in a Savior's love. A. M. Noble, pastor.
Shallotte Has great cause to rejoice in the Lord. R J. Long, pastor.
Silent Grove.—All in peace. R. J. Long, pastor.
Iron Hill.—All in peace.
Pleasant Meadow.—Lost three of its oldest brethren. H. H. Holmes, pastor.
Gapway.—All in peace. A. N. Brown, pastor.
Pleasant Union.—Newly constituted.
Jones' X Roads.—Nothing special to communicate.
Buck Creek Has had some good meetings.
Pleasant Hill S. C.—All in peace. Good Sunday School.
Pleasant View.—In a prosperous condition.
New Britton.—Enjoying brotherly love. N. Millican, pastor.
Bethlehem Has had some additions.
Steritt's Swamp Has a Sunday School.
Iron Swamp Union.—In peace. N. Millican, pastor.
Socastie.—In brotherly love. T. McD. Owens, pastor.
New Hope.—Have been greatly blessed.
Macedonia.—Are greatly encouraged. H. H. Holmes, pastor.

AMOUNT SENT UP BY THE CHURCHES.

Buck Creek,	$ 1 50	Shallotte,	$ 2 43
Bethlehem,	1 00	Pleasant Springs,	....
Cane Branch,	1 25	Seven Creeks,	2 00
Cedar Grove,	2 50	Silent Grove,	1 50
Cedar Bay,	1 00	Springfield,	1 50
Gapway,	1 00	Socastie,	1 00
Honey Camp,	3 00	Steritt's Swamp,	35
Iron Hill,	1 50	United Churches,	2 50
Jones' X Road,	75	Beulah,	1 15
Macedonia,	4 10	Hickory Grove,	1 00
Mt. Tabor,	1 80	Pleasant View,	90
Mt. Olive,	1 50	Pleasant Union,	75
New Britton,	1 50	Pleasant Hill, S. C.,	1 50
New Hope,	2 25	Conwayboro,	1 50
Oak Grove,	1 50	Pee Dee,	1 00
Pawley Swamp,	1 41		
Pleasant Hill,	6 00	Total,	$54 08
Pleasant Meadow,	2 50		

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. S. FRINK, Treasurer, *in account with Waccamaw Baptist Association.*

1877			
	To cash received of Finance Committee, ...	$ 71 83	
	By amount for printing minutes,.....		$ 30 00
	By payment for Express on Minutes,.....		50
	By payment for Clerk's fees,..... ...		15 00
	By payment to Elder D. N. Gore, General Missionary,...		10 00
	To amount to balance,.....		16 33
		$ 71 83	$ 71 83
	Amount on hand,.....	16 33	

Officers of the Board of Missions for the Present Associational Year.

PRESIDENT.—Elder A. M. NOBLE.
VICE-PRESIDENT.—Elder R. J. LONG.
SECRETARY.—Elder J. SOWLS.
CORRESPONDING SEC.—Elder D. N. GORE.
TREASURER.—R. G. W. GRISSETTE.
FINANCE COMMITTEE. { W. S. McCASKILL. W. S. FRINK.

PREAMBLE.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, } Know all men by these presents,
HORRY COUNTY. } That we whose names are hereunto assigned, having the glory of God, the good and prosperity of our fellow-beings, and the enjoyment of that rest which God has prepared for his people, as our great and grand aim, and believing that God does most positively require of all his children, in order to accomplish this object and to ultimately attain to this end, that they shall, in any, every and all circumstances and stations of mortal life, cheerfully give of their pecuniary means in order that the servant of God may go into all the world and preach the gospel, and each one of God's people act fully their part; therefore be it

Resolved, That we whose names are hereunto subscribed, have this day entered into, covenanted together and firmly pledged and bound ourselves, that from this day and date, we will—and, God helping us, nothing civil or ecclesiastical, fraternal or otherwise, shall prevent us—pay annually into the Treasury of the Waccamaw Baptist Association Home Mission Board, the sums which we now subscribe. That we now do set opposite each of our respective names the sum which we do pledge ourselves to pay into the said Treasury each year of our mortal life, looking alone to God for the means wherewith to pay the same, and that the sums when paid into the said Treasury shall become the property of the said Board, and shall be disbursed, applied and used in accordance with the By-Laws hereunto affixed.

Witness our hands, this November 17th, A. D. 1877.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

WACCAMAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HOME MISSION BOARD.

ART. 1st. This organizatian shall be called the Waccamaw Baptist Association Home Mission Board.

ART. 2d. It shall be composed of church members belonging to the said Association, and they such as are subscribers to, and payers into, the Treasury of this Board; and none other shall have any voice whatever in any of the deliberations of the said body. And these said members shall constitute the Board, their object being to transact the business as set forth in the preamble and contract prefacing this By-Law.

ART. 3d. This Board shall hold its annual meetings at the same time and place as the Waccamaw regular Baptist Association, and shall transact its business in accordance with these By-Laws. Any number of the members present shall form a quorum at any regular appointed meeting to transact business.

Art. 4. This Board shall meet and hold quarterly sessions at such time and place as in their judgment may seem expedient, for the purpose of hearing reports from, and settling with, their different agents, etc., and for the purpose of transacting any and all such business as in their judgment may seem necessary.

Art. 5. The objects of this Board are and shall be to see that each church belonging to the said Association is furnished with regular preaching each month in the year; that all the churches have good Sunday Schools, good libraries of our own publications, and that all the stations promising efficiency, in the way of church building and support, are cared for; the efficient and necessary education of the ministry in its own bounds, and the carefully looking after and providing for the education of the orphans belonging to the said churches of said Association, as far as their means will permit.

Art. 6. This Board shall elect at each annual session the following officers to preside for them, viz: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and two brethren to act as a Committee of Finance; and no person shall be elected to any of the aforesaid offices or be entitled to vote in any of the deliberations of this Board unless he is a subscriber to and payer into the Treasury of this Board.

Art. 7. The members of this Board shall have power to employ agents, missionaries, colporteurs, teachers, or others, whom in their judgment may seem necessary. But no one shall be employed in any position by the Board who is imcompetent. And all drafts for payment to draw on the Treasury of the said Board, must be approved by the Board and endorsed by the President.

Art. 8. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-third vote of the members present at its annual meetings.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	POST OFFICES.
Bethlehem,.	J. W. Hardee, P. L. Hardee, R. Millican,.. ..	7	....	9	12	1	..	95	Board Landing, S. C.
Buck Creek,.....	W. E. Gore, J. McCombee, I. J. Cox, ...	6	...	....	....	....	..	45	Piaway, N. C.
Bulo,...	E. Hickman, J. W. Tharp, J. C. Beck,.....	17	..	....	1	....	..	50	Little River, S. C.
Cane Branch,.....	Wm. Boyed, W. H. Hambelton, I. J. Stephens	3	4	...	8	2	..	42	Hickman's X R'ds, "
Cedar Bay,..... ...	N. White, J. R. Thompson, J. R. Long,.....	...	..	....	....	2	..	18	Conwayboro, "
Cedar Grove,.....	Elder A. M. Noble, W. A. Spivey, J. J. Cook,	29	...	3	....	...	1	57	" "
Conwayboro,.....	J. L. Reaves, J. A. Mayow, R. G. W. Grissett,	7	6	....	.....	1	..	48	" "
Gap Way,..	J. W. Marlow, C. C. Marlow, J. C. Smith,....	....	....	....	1	...	..	34	Bucksville, "
Green Swamp Union	J. H. Little,.....	....	....	....	....	....	1	33	Brinkley's, N. C.
Hickory Grove,.....	J. W. Cox, H. S. Cox, J. P. Norris,.....	1	...	....	....	....	..	14	Conwayboro, S. C.
Honey Camp,. ..	J. B. Skipper, R. C. Powell, I. J. Blanton,....	20	3	..	..	6	1	105	Green Sea, "
Iron Hill....	E. Meares, A. M. Gore, Simeon Simmons,...	....	....	...	3	4	1	67	Sidney, N. C.
Jones' X Roads,.....	Thos. J. Standly, Kenneth Stephens, ...	2	..	....	4	..	..	9	Bug Hill, "
Macedonia,.....	S. D. Todd, J. C. Rhenark, A. S. H. Martin,..	3	17	1	4	3	3	90	Hickmans X Rds, S. C.
Mt. Tabor,..	S. F. Norris, Eli Watts, F. H. Fowler,.....	3	3	4	3	1	1	132	Sidney, N. C.
Mt. Olive,..	Elder M. Pridgeon, J. Pridgeon, F. Suggs....	7	2	2	...	1	..	50	Green Sea, S. C.
New Britton,.....	D. B. McKithen, Elder N. Millican,.....	....	.....	....	....	1	1	68	Shallotte, N. C.
New Hope,.	Ed. White, J. L. Powell, H. Thompson,.....	8	7	1	...	2	1	91	Whiteville, "
Oak Grove.....	A. W. Carter, S. J. D. Edge, W. A. Hardee,	4	....	...	....	....	..	54	Board Landing, S. C.
Pawley Swamp,. ..	Elder W. D. Martin, J A Tendol, G W Miller,	....	1	1	2	5	..	87	Port Harrelson, "
Pleasant Hill,.....	Elder J. W. Gore. W. S. Frink, U. F. Boswell,	....	3	2	10	. ..	..	113	Peacock's, N. C.
Pleasant Hill, S. C.,.	Rev. R. Crebb, J. Owens, D. N. Venters.....	....	....	....	....	. ..	..	31	Blackmingo, S. C.
Pleasant Meadow,...	Rev H D Granger, H M Anderson, F A Prince	6	3	3	5	6	3	137	Green Sea, "

Pleasant Springs,...	W. R. Johnson, W. Ray, S. J. Cannon,... ...	9	1	....	....	...	..	31	Galavan's Ferry, S. C.
Pleasant View,.....	S. H. Thompson. A. G. Strickland, N. Shelly,	16	4	....	3	1	..	32	Green Sea, "
Pleasant Union,.....	J. W. Cannon, G. M. Rabon, D. W. Alfred,..	.....	....	....	.....	....	..	25	Cool Spring, "
Pee Dee,.....	J. Lowerymore, J. W. Williams, J. Williams,	...	....	..	.....	...	...	57	Blackmingo, "
Seven Creeks,... ...	Elder J. Sowls, J. K. Gore, S. T. Stephens,...	...	5	....	...	7	..	65	Piaway Ferry, N. C.
Shallotte,.....	Jabish Frink, A. T. Hewett, Elder R J. Long,	15	..	7	5	1	2	129	Shallotte, "
Silent Grove,.....	Jesse Lancaster, P. T. Stanaland. H. Roberson,	1	...	1	.....	6	..	27	Shallotte, "
Socastie,..... ..	Elder B A Brown, T D McOwen, S M Hewett,	...	1	.	....	2	..	46	Bucksville, S. C.
Springfield,..... ...	Wm. Heughs, J. B. O. Gore, G. F. Standly,..	1	1	....	...	2	..	64	Hickman's, "
Steritt's Swamp,....	I. J. Joiner, W. E. Mew, W. D. Stalva,.....	2	....	...	....	...	..	17	Conwayboro, "
United Churches,...	D. M. Edge, W. T. Todd, J. H. Owens,.....	6	2	2	3	2	..	76	Little River, "

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MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Little River Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Hector's Creek, Harnett County, N. C.,

NOVEMBER 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1877.

WILLIAM BRUNT, Moderator, Lillington, N. C.
ELI HILLIARD, Clerk, Chalk Level, N. C.
W. H. HOLLAND, Reading Clerk, Winslow, N. C.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

William Brunt,	Lillington,	North Carolina.
A. N. Campbell,	Winslow,	" "
Allen Betts,	"	" "
O. Churchill,	Chalk Level,	" "
H. D. Judd,	Jonesboro',	" "
T. J. Hunt,	Norval,	" "
J. W. Collins,	Merry Oaks,	" "

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PROCEEDINGS.

HECTOR'S CREEK, HARNETT CO , N. C.,
THURSDAY, November 1st, 1877.

The Little River Baptist Association met with the Church at Hector's Creek, Harnett county, N. C., in its second Annual Session.

Elder Allen Betts preached the introductory sermon from 1st Samuel, 2nd chap., 30th verse: "Wherefore the Lord God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me forever," &c.

After an intermission of about forty-five minutes, the brethren came together and sang a hymn of praise.

The Moderator being absent, on motion, Elder O. Churchill was appointed Moderator *pro tem.*

Elder Churchill read 48th Psalm, and led in prayer.

The Association proceeded to business. Elder Wm. Brunt and Bro. W. H. Holland were appointed Reading Clerks.

The Churches were called, and delegates enrolled as follows:

Baptist Grove.—D. D. Senter, J. A. Baughcom, Eli Hilliard, A. Y. Tutor and J. H. Tutor.

Hector's Creek.—Calvin Smith, Eli Carter, R. H. Smith, J. A. Senter and J. A. Johnson.

Holly Springs.—J. W. Patterson, N. A. Patterson, Thomas Holder, Alex. O'Quinn and M. E. O'Quinn.

Lillington.—J. K. Marsh, W. F. Marsh, T. D. Watson and Wm. Brunt.

Cumberland Union.—J. D. Lanier, J. M. Thomas, J. B. Churchill and Sidney Churchill.

Antioch.—J. H. Brown, S. A. Davis, J. S. Stone, Robert Nordan and M. E. Wade.

Kinnie's Creek.—J. W. Blalock, J. R. Stephens and K. P. Jones.

Friendship.—W. A. Parker and C. D. Nixon.

Bethel.—Jacob West and L. T. West.

Jonesboro.—Not represented.

Cameron's Grove.—Not represented.

Juniper Springs.—C. B. McNeill, Jackson Taylor and H. T Thomas.

Ordained Ministers of the Association present:

William Brunt, O. Churchill, Allen Betts, A. N. Campbell, J. W. Collins, T. J. Hunt and H. D. Judd.

Petitioning letters called for; the church at Buie's Creek presented a letter from the Raleigh Association, petitioning for admission and, on motion, the same was received, and Bro. William Pearson welcomed to a seat as a delegate from that church. Also, the new church at Macedonia sent delegates, James Weathers and W. D. Deen, with a letter petitioning admission, and on motion, the same was received, and delegates welcomed to seats.

The Association proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, Brethren W. H. Holland and Wm. Pearson acting as tellers. Elder William Brunt, Principal of Lillington Academy, was elected Moderator and Bro. Eli Hilliard was re-elected Clerk.

Corresponding brethren invited to seats: Elders J. M. Holleman and J. C. Marcom appeared from the Raleigh Association. Also Elder R. Newton appeared as a visitor from Cedar Creek Association and Elder W. G. King, from Sandy Creek Association.

Rev. R. H. Griffith was also welcomed to a seat as Agent for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

On motion, the Pastor and Deacons of Hector's Creek Church were appointed a committee on Religious exercises

On motion, Elders Allen Betts and J. C. Marcom and Bro. D. D. Senter were appointed a Committee on arrangements, by report of which the following Committees were appointed :

On Finance.—Eli Carter and J. B. Churchill.
On Church Letters.—T. D. Watson and J. A. Baughcom.
On Bible Schools.—J. W. Collins and W. D. Deen.
On Home Missions.—A. N. Campbell and O. Churchill.
On State Missions.—R. H. Griffith and J. A. Senter.
On Prayer Meetings.—R. Newton and Wm. Pearson.
On Periodicals.—A. N. Campbell and Allen Betts.
On Education.—O. Churchill and W. G. King.
On Foreign Missions.—J. M. Holleman and Jacob West.
On Temperance.—Allen Betts and Eli Hilliard.

The Committee on Religious exercises reported Elder King to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock at the stand ; Elder Newton to preach at 1 o'clock at the stand.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. K. H. Griffith.

FRIDAY, Nov. 2nd, 1877, 9½ A. M.

Moderator read 93rd Psalm. Prayer by W. D. Deen. Roll called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. Treasurer being called to report, reported the following :

REPORT OF TREASURER

IN ACCOUNT WITH LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

1876	DR.	
To cash received from Finance Committee,	$14.30	
To cash on hand for Education,	2.46	
To cash contributions for Buie's Creek church,	1.94	
To cash on hand for Foreign Missions,	8.10	
To cash on hand for Home Missions,	16.38	
		$43.18
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By cash paid for printing minutes,	$14.30	
By cash paid J. G. Williams, Treas. Education,	2.46	
By cash paid J. G. Williams, Treas. Foreign Missions,	8.10	
By cash paid Treasurer Executive Board,	16.38	
By cash paid Buie's Creek Church,	1.94	
		$43.1

ELI HILLIARD, *Treasurer.*

On motion, Eli Hilliard was re-appointed Treasurer.
Correspondents reported from sister Associations as follows:

Raleigh.—Allen Betts and J. W. Collins.
Cedar Creek.—L. T. West.

Correspondents to Sister Associations appointed as follows:

Mt. Zion.—O. Churchill and J. W. Collins.
Sandy Creek.—O. Churchill and J. W. Collins.
Raleigh.—A. N. Campbell.

Committee on Education reported the following:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

BROTHER MODERATOR:—Your Committee would submit the following: Education is indispensable, especially to the young; but the education of our children is sadly neglected. God has given us the facilities of educating our children, and are we not wrong to withhold from them what would make them better understand his attributes, what He has required at their hands; and to fit them for usefulness in this world and happiness in that which is to come?

Resolved, That we patronize our own schools, and encourage our own teachers, and use all the means which God has given us for the improvement of our own minds and those of our children. All of which is respectfully submitted,

O CHURCHILL,
W. G. KING,
Committee.

After interesting speeches by Elders Marcom, Griffith and others, on the subject of Education, on motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following: We confess our faults, for last year we purposed giving as the Lord prospered us—we have not so given. We would, therefore, urge the delegates of the several churches of this body, to use their influence in trying to arouse their churches to a full sense of their duty. We would, also, insist upon Pastors of the several churches of this body, to preach, at least one sermon to each church on the subject of Missions, and see that their churches take up a collection for Home Missions next year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. CAMPBELL,
O. CHURCHILL,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. D. Lanier, speeches were limited to ten minutes.

A motion that Bro. R. H. Griffith be allowed opportunity of speaking in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this evening at 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on State Missions reported the following:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

One object of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention is to supply with Baptist preaching every town and neighborhood in the State, where it is not enjoyed. In some places there are a few who aid in supporting the Ministers sent to them, while in others, his support must come entirely from the Convention. Many of the Associations are not able to supply

the destitution within their own borders, and hence call on the Board of State Missions to aid them.

Here, then, are important points not embraced in the territory of any Association and must depend solely on the Board of State Missions for the preaching of the Gospel as held by us. The State Convention or its Board has no means save as those are furnished by the churches and brethren in different parts of the State. If we hold the "faith once delivered to the saints," it is our duty to make it known to others, especially to those of our State. There are now more applications to the State Board for help than can be granted, because of the want of means. God has signally blessed this department of christian labor in our State, and we know of none in which our contributions promise a larger yield. It appeals to our sympathy and claims our co-operation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Griffith,
J. A. Senter,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted, after which a collection was taken up for Home Missions, amounting to $7,06.

On motion, adjourned for three quarters of an hour.

Benediction by Elder J. M. Holleman.

Friday Afternoon.

The Body met and resumed business.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Elder Marcom to preach at the stand to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.; Elder King at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Committee on Periodicals reported as follows :

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals submit the following : Every one who loves the truth ought to love the way to get the truth, as it is said, "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov. xxiii. 23.) Therefore, we recommend to all, especially to Baptist families, the *Biblical Recorder* as a faithful exponent of Gospel truth. Also *Kind Words* as a Bible School paper. Also the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. Campbell,
Allen Betts,
Committee.

After interesting speeches by Elders Campbell, King, Marcom and others in behalf of the *Recorder*, on motion, the report was adopted.

Elder A. N. Campbell obtained several subscriptions for the *Recorder*, and would have got more, but the brethren were already taking it.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the adoption of the report was deferred for Bro. Griffith to address the body in behalf of the Seminary.

The hour for Bro. Griffith's address having arrived, he, with great interest addressed the body in behalf of the Seminary, after which, he received some subscriptions for the same.

The delegates from Juniper Springs having arrived the letter was read and they welcomed to seats.

On motion, adjourned till to-morrow 9½ o'clock A. M.

Prayer by T. J. Hunt.

SATURDAY Nov. 3rd, 1877, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Religious Exercises conducted by the Moderator.
Prayer by Bro. J. W. Yarbrough.
Names of delegates called. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.
On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The commissions given to the apostles by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is equally binding on us as their successors. We, then, as Missionary Baptists and servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, have entrusted to us the great work of carrying the Gospel to Heathen Lands, where the people are ignorant of the true God, and are worshiping gods made with their own hands. We have already sent out several Missionaries to Foreign fields, who must be sustained, and many more are needed, in this great work of preaching the Gospel to Heathens. This cannot be done at once, on account of the many obstacles in our way. Their language is hard to learn, and they are slow to believe in a new Religion, and, as we learn from our dear Bro. Hartwell, nothing will convince the Chinese and cause them to embrace the Religion of Jesus Christ but the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Mission work is a great work, because it is the work of the Lord. We are the Lord's servants, called and sent into his vineyard to work. Let us ask our Lord "What can I do?" Some of our brethren have already said that "I will go and preach this Gospel to the Heathen"; others have said, "you go and we will sustain you." Brethren, this work has been given to US. Let us carry it out in the name of the Lord by each one doing his duty. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HOLLEMAN,
JACOB WEST,
Committee.

Committee on Bible Schools reported, and the report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Bible Schools, beg leave to submit the following: As we are commanded to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, we believe there is no better way of doing this than to carry them to the Bible School, and there teach them lessons of eternal truth in youth. Bring up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it, is another divine injunction. The enemy is always on the alert, watching to ensnare the precious souls of the young and old by his devices. The young are the hope of the church; how zealously, then, ought we to labor for their good in throwing around them the safeguards of the Bible! We therefore urge upon the churches, the importance of having a Bible School in their midst, that the old may learn more of God's word, and the young be taught to love the Lord. Respectfully submitted,

W. D. DEEN,
J. W. COLLINS,
Committee.

Committee on Prayer and Prayer Meetings reported and report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Prayer and Prayer meetings, beg leave to submit the following: We deem it the most important subject before this Association, since it is through Prayer we have access to a throne of grace. We are taught in God's word that

men ought always to pray—and with all manner of Prayer, watching thereunto. Hence, we would recommend, 1st. Secret or closet Prayer, that our Heavenly Father who heareth in secret may reward us openly. 2nd. That the head of each family should erect a family altar, and there endeavor through Prayer, supplications and thanksgiving—to point and lead his family to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. 3rd. That each church, if possible, shall maintain weekly Prayer Meetings, and endeavor to get all its members to attend. 4th. That Pastors of churches make special efforts to get their churches and members to take up these crosses, and put on the whole armor of God, that our spiritual strength may be renewed, and others constrained to glorify our Heavenly Father. Respectfully submitted,

WM. PEARSON,
R. NEWTON,
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported, and, on motion, the report was adopted as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We seriously deplore the ravages of intemperance, which consist in making, vending and using alcoholic drinks, which are blasting the morals of the land; and we advise the members of our churches to abstain from such stimulants, except for medical purposes, &c. We find many passages of Scripture which forbid the use of intoxicating spirits to excess. We have the record in the Holy Bible that no drunkard shall inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. And viewing the subject morally, we cannot fail to see that the use of intoxicating spirits to excess, brings great woe and inexpressible misery on the human family. Therefore, we, as professed followers of Christ, should raise our voices in defence of temperance in all things, and set an example before the world worthy of our calling.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN BETTS,
ELI HILLIARD,
Committee.

Committee on Church Letters reported, and report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Upon examination of the letters sent up by the several churches, we find that God, in his wisdom, has been pleased to call from our number, by his messenger, death, two more than last year. We are thankful to Him that Zion has been travailing, and a number of our churches have been blessed with the outpouring of His spirit and conversion of souls, bringing us a total increase of fifty members, and 1 new church. The number of Baptisms have been eleven more than last year. Received by letter, 47. Restored to fellowship, 9. Dismissed by letter, 29. Excluded, 9. Deceased, 3. White members, 738. Colored, 3. One church petitioned for a letter of dismission. We have only 4 Sunday Schools reported in our Association. These schools report 160 pupils, 9 teachers, 100 volumes in their libraries, and only ten copies of Sabbath School papers taken. We think the cause of so few schools being reported is, to a great extent, failures on the part of clerks to report their Schools. We recommend, that the clerks of the several churches be requested to make their letters to the Association as short as possible, in order to give the Church and Sabbath School Statistics in full, as this would save the Association much time. We also suggest the propriety of giving a full and

explicit report of Sabbath Schools. One church reports Prayer Meetings regularly every Wednesday night. Respectfully submitted,

T. D. WATSON,
J. A. BAUGHCOM,
Committee.

On motion, the next Session of the body was appointed with the Church at Juniper Springs, commencing Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in November, 1878.

Elder A. N. Campbell was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder O. Churchill his alternate. Also Elder William Brunt appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon, Elder Allen Betts his alternate.

A motion that the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the Associational funds will pay for; and the other amounts be disposed of as stated in the letters.

The Association contributed $5.00 to the Clerk for his services.

On motion, the ordained ministers of this Association be an examining Board to examine Bro. W. D. Deen, and if found orthodox according to the doctrines of the Bible, to be ordained to the full work of the Ministry —the examination to take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

On motion, the church at Kinnie's Creek was, by its own request, granted a letter of dismissal to join the Raleigh Association.

On motion, Bro. Betts was allowed the opportunity of reading a Church Covenant, and, on motion, said Covenant be appended to the minutes for the consideration of the churches, and if agreeable, there be a uniform covenant obligation established at the next Session of this body.

A motion, that said Covenant, read by Bro. Betts, be appended to the minutes. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Elder O. Churchill:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this body to the church of Hector's Creek and community around for their bounteous hospitalities during our Session.

On motion, the resolution was unanimously adopted, with the exception of Bro. Griffith, who voted in the negative because, as he said, he had been entertained so well that he could'nt enjoy the pleasure of tasting all the refreshment which the good brethren had set before him.

Committee on Finance reported. [See report at end of Proceedings.]

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Executive Board reported, and on motion, the report was re-committed to the Board for amendment.

The Committee on religious Exercises relieved Bro. King from preaching this evening, by his request, and announced that Elder O. Churchill preach in his stead.

On motion, adjourned for one hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator in the chair. On motion, the motion in the forenoon, that the ordained Ministers of the Association be an examining Board to examine Bro. W. D. Deen for the Ministry, was reconsidered.

The motion was put again and carried.

According to the motion, Bro. Deen be examined to-morrow at 10 o'clock, and if found worthy, &c., according to the orthodoxy of the Bible, he shall be ordained to the full work of the Ministry.

The Executive Board again presented their report, and the report was adopted, as follows :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of Little River Association met at Cumberland Union, Saturday before 5th Sunday in April, 1877. Members of the Board present : D. D. Senter, Eli Carter, J. W. Yarbrough, W. D. Patterson, C. B. McNeill, L. T. West, Jesse Weathers and J. H. Graham. Board organized by electing D. D. Senter, Chairman, Eli Carter, Secretary and Treasurer. The Churches represented were Baptist Grove, Hector's Creek, Cumberland Union, Holly Springs, Juniper Springs, Bethel, Cameron's Grove and Antioch. The Board then appointed S. F. West and J. H. Graham to select a field of labor. Then on motion, they were to meet at Holly Springs Saturday before 5th Sunday in July, and report the selection. They did so, and selected the Long school-house, on the South side of Little River. Bro. D. D. Senter was to see Elder A. N. Campbell, and find out if he would serve as our Missionary ; he did so, and Bro. Campbell accepted the call. The Board agreed to give Bro. Campbell $4.00 per trip, and if Bro. Campbell continue a meeting of days, we, the Board, would compensate him for the same. Then the Board authorized the Treasurer to pay Bro. Campbell for his services as a Missionary to this time, $12.00, which leaves balance in the Treasury $8.38. All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. D. SENTER, *Chairman.*

ELI CARTER, *Secretary.*

After the adoption of the report, a collection for Home Missions, amounting to $8.85 in cash, and $73.25 by subscription ; total in cash and subscriptions $82.10.

On motion, the appointment of the Board for 1878 was as follows : From Lillington, T. D. Watson. From Juniper Springs, C. B. McNeill. From Cumberland Union, J. D. Weathers. From Antioch, J. W. Yarbrough. From Hector's Creek, Eli Carter. From Baptist Grove, D. D. Senter. From Holly Springs, Wm. Patterson. From Jonesboro', A. M. Brooks. From Friendship, L. W. Byrd. From Bethel, Jacob West. From Cameron's Grove, C. H. Wilson. From Kinnie's Creek, W. H. Holland. From Buie's Creek, Wm. Pearson. From Macedonia, J. R. Churchill.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed.

Prayer by Elder A. N. Campbell.

SUNDAY, Nov. 4th, 1877.

On Sunday the house was filled to overflowing. Beautiful singing by the Sunday School class. The class from Piney Grove welcomed to seats, and they mingled with the School in chanting the songs of Zion, &c. An interesting little sermon from Bro. Griffith, urging all to realize the truths they sung.

Att 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder H. D. Judd preached the Denominational Missionary Sermon from St. Mark, 16: 15, 16: "And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature, &c."

After which, a collection for Foreign Missions was taken up, amounting to $7.32.

The Presbytery having examined Bro. Deen, they proceeded to ordain him to the work of the Ministry, Elder Allen Betts led in prayer; Elder A. N. Campbell presented the Bible and Elder Wm. Brunt gave the charge.

At 2 P. M., Rev. R. H. Griffith preached from St. John 18:25: "They said, therefore, unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said I am not."

Thus ended the second Session of the Little River Association, profitably, as we *trust*, and joyfully, we believe, to all present.

WILLIAM BRUNT, MODERATOR.

ELI HILLIARD, *Clerk.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

CHURCHES.	Assosciational Fund.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Education.	State Missions.	Total for Church.
Lillington,	$ 1 00	$ 5 70	$ 5 84	$ 2 40	$ 1 73	$ 16 68
Juniper Springs	1 00	10	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Baptist Grove,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Buie's Creek,	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Hector's Creek,	2 00	3 00	80	.....	.....	5 80
Cumberland Union,	1 70	1 00	25	.....	.....	2 95
Macedonia,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Holly Springs,	1 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Kinnie's Creek,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Antioch,	1 15	50	80	.....	.....	2 45
Friendship,	1 50	2 75	2 00	.....	.....	6 25
Bethel,	1 00	3 40	1 50	.....	.....	5 90
Total,	15 10	17 71	11 19	2 40	1 73	$ 48 13

Respectfully submitted,

ELI OARTER,
J. B. CHURCHILL,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptized.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Expelled.	Deceased.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total.
FIRST SECTION.												
Cumberland Union	H. D. Judd	J. B. Churchill	Chalk Level	5	4	4	2	2	..	105	3	108
Baptist Grove	A. N. Campbell	Eli Hilliard	Chalk Level	3	4	..	4	1	..	87	..	87
Hector's Creek	A. N. Campbell	Eli Carter	Winslow	12	6	1	2	..	..	87	..	87
Kinnie's Creek	J. C. Marcom	W. H. Holland	Winslow	9	2	..	4	1	1	38	..	38
Macedonia	T. J. Hunt	J. R. Churchill	Chalk Level	8	12	1	1	..	..	21	..	21
SECOND SECTION.												
Buie's Creek		Wm. Pearson	Barclayville	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	35
Bethel	R. Newton	L. T. West	Manchester	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	33
Friendship	A. B. Alderman	G. S. Byrd	Bunns Level	2	1	..	1	..	..	57	..	57
Lillington	William Brunt	A. J. Kivett	Lillington	..	3	..	..	..	..	21	..	21
Antioch	H. D. Judd	W. W. Salmon	Lillington	20	3	3	..	..	1	113	..	113
THIRD SECTION.												
Juniper Springs	H. D. Judd	W. J. Thomas	Jonesboro'	..	1	..	12	5	..	74	..	74
Holly Springs	A. N. Campbell	Sherard Patterson	Harringtons	8	11	..	3	1	..	68	..	68
Cameron's Grove				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jonesboro'				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
										739	3	742

APPNEDIX.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, Angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with each other as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquantances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the use and sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and in distress; to be slow to take offence, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour, to secure it without delay. We moreover engage, that when we remove from this place, we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and *the principles of God's word.*

P. S.—The Clerk would here add, that all the brethren and churches of this Association are indebted their hearty thanks to Brother Griffith for his presence and influence in the collections of this Association for benevolent purposes.

And, for the encouragement of our young Association, he would state that the amount contributed for benevolences, by cash and subscription, was $246.58.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

MOUNT ELIAM, ROBESON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCT. 25TH, 26TH, 27TH & 28TH, 1877.

REV. HAYNES LENNON, Moderator, Bladenboro', N. C.
REV. D. K. BENNETT, Clerk, Lumberton, N. C.
REV. A. R. PITTMAN, Assistant Clerk, Lumberton, N. C.
S. E. WARD, Treasurer, Lumberton, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 25th, 1877.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. B. RICHARDSON from I Cor. xii: 27, Elders D. B. AYRES and J. W. DICKSON, the regular appointees, both being absent. At the close of the sermon Elder D. K. BENNETT led in prayer.

An intermission of twenty minutes was given.

Delegates Assembled in the house. Clerk called list of churches.

The Moderator read the 133d and 134th Psalms. The Association then sang "With sacred joy we lift our eyes," and engaged in prayer, Elder D. B. DOW leading.

Elders S. IVEY and C. L. POWELL were requested to act as Reading Clerks, and Brethren W. J. TOLAR, JOSEPH STANALAND and D. J. CLARK were appointed a committee on Finance.

On motion, the Church Letters were called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

The officers of the past year were unanimously re-elected, viz: Elder H. LENNON, Moderator; Bro. S. E. WARD, Treasurer, and Elder D. K. BENNETT, Clerk.

An invitation was extended to visitors and Corresponding Messengers, when Elder S. IVEY came forward from the Raleigh Association; Elder E. D. JOHNSON and Bro. ISAAC McGEE from the Cedar Creek, and Bro. O. L. STRINGFIELD from the Eastern, and were welcomed to seats. Elder J. B. RICHARDSON, Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention, was also present and accepted a seat.

A Committee of Vigilance was appointed, consisting of J. F. WARD, ROBERT POWERS, ALVA LAWSON, JESSE FLOWERS and ELIAS STONE.

An invitation was extended to Churches desiring to unite with this Association, when a Letter of Dismission from the Pee Dee Association, together with a petition for membership in this body, was presented by the Church at Mount Moriah, Robeson Co., N. C. After due inquiry the Church was unanimously received and the right hand of fellowship extended the delegates.

Pending a motion to adjourn the Moderator read a letter from Elder J. W. Dickson stating that he had, within the last few days, consigned to their last resting place four darling children by that dreaded scourge, diptheria; that he was on a sick bed, and desired an interest in the prayers of the Association. Elder A. R. Pittman then led in an appropriate and touching prayer; the sympathizing tear proving the presence of fraternal love.

Adjourned till 9½ A. M. to-morrow.

Friday, October 26th—9½ A. M.

The unfavorable weather and feeble health of the Moderator prevented him from appearing in his place this day. Elder E. W. Wooten was, on motion, unanimously elected Moderator, pro tem.

The Moderator read the 90th Psalm; the Association sang, "Oh for a closer walk with God," at the close of which Elder D. C. Kelley led in prayer.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

On Education.—Stinceon Ivey, Joseph Stanaland and Oran Lennon.

On Baptist State Convention.—J. E. Richardson, D. J. Clark and J. L. Wescott.

On Periodicals.—D. J. Ray, W. J. Tolar and Francis Lennon.

On Sunday Schools.—C. L. Powell, Edward Russ and C. D. Frink.

On Special Changes.—D. K. Bennett, L. Humphrey, Thomas Barefoot and R. M. McRackan.

On Ordinations.—D. J. Ray, D. K. Bennett, A. R. Pittman, J. B. Richardson, D. B. Dow.

On Ministerial Support.—D. B. Dow, J. L. Wescott and W. J. Tolar.

On the use of Intoxicating Liquors.—C. L. Powell, W. J. Tolar, D. C. Kelley and Stinceon Ivey.

On Domestic and Indian Missions.—C T. Bailey, D. C. Kelley and E. D. Johnson.

On Associational High School.—A. R. Pittman, D. J. Ray, J. L. Wescott, G. W. Jones and S. E. Ward.

On Correspondence.—R. M. Sessums, John Warwick, D. C. Humphrey.

On Public Worship.—J. F. Ward, J. J. Britt and A. D. Biggs.

On motion, Letters of Dismission were granted the Churches at Conwayboro, Beulah, United Churches and Green Swamp, to unite with the Waccamaw Association.

On motion, Elders A. R. Pittman, G. W. Hill and J. W. Dickson were appointed a Committee to aid in the adjustment of a difficulty reported as existing between the churches at Shady Grove and Abbottsburg, and to report to the next session of this body.

Elder C. T. Bailey, Editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, arrived and was made welcome to a seat.

On motion, agreed that next session of this body be held with the Church at White Marsh, to commence on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1878, at 11 A. M., Elder J. W. Dickson to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder E. W. Wooten, alternate; Elder A. R. Pittman to preach the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath, Elder D. K. Bennett, alternate.

The Association here took a recess of twenty minutes.

Friday Afternoon.

Association re-assembled. Prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

Committee on Education reported. Remarks by Elders S. Ivey, C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson, C. L. Powell, and

Bro. J. L. Wescott. Report adopted, and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Domestic and Indian Missions reported. Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, S. Ivey and others. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Elder Bailey appealed to the audience in behalf of this object and received $6.96.

Leave of absence from the remainder of the session was granted Bro. E. J. Grimsley, one of the delegates from the Church at Paradise.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Remarks by Brethren C. L. Powell, J. L. Wescott, J. J. Beasley and O. L. Stringfield. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Elder C. L. Powell made an appeal in behalf of the church at Williamston, N. C., and received $8.75.

On motion, adjourned till 9½ A. M. to-morrow. Prayer, Elder J. B. Richardson leading.

Saturday, October 27th—9½ A. M.

Association assembled. Moderator Wooten in the chair, who read the 14th Psalm. Prayer, Bro. Oran Lennon leading.

The morning was pleasant. Moderator Lennon was present.

Invitation to correspondents and visiting brethren renewed, when a letter was presented from the Waccamaw Association. The letter was read, and the Messenger, Bro. W. S. Frink, made welcome to a seat.

Committee on Baptist State Convention reported. Remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, J. B. Richardson, H. Lennon and C. L. Powell. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on the use of Intoxicating Liquors reported. Remarks by C. L. Powell, C. T. Bailey, and A. M. Pittman. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Special Changes reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Correspondence reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Recess of twenty minutes.

Association re-assembled. Prayer, Eld. Forney Prevatt leading.

Committeee on Ministerial Support reported, when an able and appropriate speech was made on the subject by Bro. J. L. Wescott. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Associational High School reported. Remarks by Elder A. R. Pittman. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Periodicals reported. Remarks by Elder C. T. Bailey. Report adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Ordinations reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Committee on Finance reported. Report received and ordered to be appended to the minutes.

Elders Haynes Lennon, A. R. Pittman and D. K. Bennett were appointed a Committee of Examination and Ordination of such candidates as may be recommended for that purpose previous to the meeting of next session.

Elders D. J. Ray and J. W. Dickson were appointed a Committee to enquire into the present status of the Church at Little River, S. C., to satisfy themselves by visit or otherwise of its condition, and of the propriety of retaining its name as a member of this body, and to report at next session.

On motion, *Resolved* that 1,000 copies of these minutes be printed, and that the Clerk be allowed $30 for his services.

Leave of absence was granted Bro. A. D. Biggs of the church at Ten Mile Swamp.

On motion, Elder H. Lennon was excused from preaching the Missionary Sermon on Sabbath of this session, and Elder J. B. Richardson appointed in his stead.

On motion, all unfinished business was referred to an Executive Committee consisting of the officers of the Association.

The Association then gave place for a meeting of the Domestic Mission Board.

Association re-assembled, Moderator Lennon in the chair.

Brethren S. E. Ward, W. J. Tolar, O. B. Granger, J. F. McMillan, N. R. Pittman and J. F. Ward were nominated as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

It was made known to the Association that Mrs. C. H. Elwell, relict of Elder J. D. Elwell, was in needy circumstances, when a collection was made for her benefit amounting to $16.30.

On motion, *Resolved* that the thanks of this Association be, and they are hereby, tendered to members of Mount Eliam, Big Branch and Long Branch Churches, and citizens of the community, for their hospitality and liberal support of this body during this session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

The Association then sang, "Blest be the tie," &c., and engaged in prayer, Elder J. B. Richardson leading.

HAYNES LENNON, Moderator.

D. K. Bennett, *Secretary.*

SABBATH.

The weather was fine, and the throng immense—the number being variously estimated at from three to five thousand.

A Sunday School Mass Meeting was the first thing in order in which several brethren made appropriate speeches.

Elder J. P. Lennon then led in an affecting sermon, was immediately followed by Elder J. B. Richardson, in the Missionary Sermon of the session, at the close of which a collection was made for Missions amounting to $28.99.

A recess of one hour was then taken, after which Elder D. K. Bennett delivered the closing sermon; was followed by the Moderator leading the Association in prayer; then sang "Dismiss us with thy blessing, Lord;" then benediction by the Moderator, and the crowd which had been leaving for an hour literally filled the different thoroughfares "homeward bound."

List of Ministers with their Post Offices.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
D. B. Ayres,.....	Red Banks,.. ...	Robeson, ...	North Carolina.
J. B. Barlow,...	Wilmington,.....	New Hanover, ..	" "
D. K. Bennett,...	Lumberton,.....	Robeson, ...	" "
J. H. Blanton,...	Fair Bluff,.....	Columbus,.....	" "
J. D. Clark,.....	Lumberton,.....	Robeson, ...	" "
J. W. Dickson,...	Flemington,.....	Columbus,.....	" "
D. B. Dow,.....	Lumberton,.....	Robeson, ...	" "
A. A. Edwards,..	Easy Hill,.....	Brunswick,.....	" "
G. W. Hill,.....	Whiteville, ...	Columbus,.....	" "
L. W. Hilbun,...	Robeson's,.....	Brunswick,.....	" "
H. H. Holmes,...	Conwayboro', ...	Horry,....	South Carolina.
D. C. Kelley,.. .	Abbottsburg,.....	Bladen,.....	North Carolina.
J. W. Kirton,....	Gallivant's Ferry,	Horry,...	South Carolina.
Haynes Lennon,..	Bladenboro',.....	Bladen,.....	North Carolina.
J. P. Lennon,....	Robeson's.....	Brunswick,.....	" "
Norman Martin,..	Red Banks,.....	Robeson,.....	" "
D. C. McMillan,..	Leesville,.....	"	" "
Noah Mercer,....	Lumberton,.....	"	" "
A. R. Pittman,...	"	"	" "
Forney Prevatt,..	"	"	" "
F. A. Prevatt,....	"	"	" "
D. J. Ray,.....	Whiteville, ...	Columbus,.....	" "
J. M. Register,...	White Hall,.....	Bladen,..	" "
R. M. Sessoms,...	Lumberton,.....	Robeson,.....	" "
T. B. Newbury,..	"	"	" "
Isham Stone, ...	"	"	" "
J. R. Thompson,.	Conwayboro',....	Horry,.....	South Carolina.
E. W. Wooten,....	Whiteville, ...	Columbus.....	North Carolina.

28 = 25 N.C. + 3 S.C.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON THE USE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

We, the Committee, would advise the discontinuance of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Such liquors are a blessing to humanity when used for medicinal purposes; but as a beverage they are a curse to the world.

The Church should set an example before the world that will have a tendency to eradicate the use of such beverages.

We believe the Scriptures that although it is lawful *per se* to "take a drink," yet it is not expedient to do so as a mere beverage.

We heartily discountenance the lamentable practice of members of the Church going into bar rooms and drinking as some do, and we hope that all who are guilty of such practices will refrain henceforth and forever.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. POWELL,
D. C. KELLEY,
W. J. TOLAR,
Committee.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee are glad to report that the *Biblical Recorder* is in a more flourishing condition than ever before in its history, and we cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of all our brethren. Every pastor and church should endeavor to extend its circulation.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Dear Brethren: Your Committee respectfully report the sum of one hundred and one dollars and seventy-four cents ($101.74) as having been sent up by the churches as Association Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. TOLAR,
JOSEPH STANALAND,
Committee.

REPORT ON SPECIAL CHANGES.

Dear Brethren: Each heart in this Association should be lifted in gratitude to our merciful Benefactor. No changes by death are mentioned specially, in the reports sent up from the various churches.

In the relations which we sustain to the various institutions of the day, as well as in our aims and efforts for the advancement of the cause of Christ, we have no *special* change to note, and their gradual change appears to be for the better.

Let us magnify the name of God for such unmerited mercies.

Respectfully submitted,

D. K. BENNETT,
L. HUMPHREY,
T. BAREFOOT,
R. M. McRACKAN,
Committee.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your committee respectfully beg leave to report the following selection of Messengers to other Associations :

To the Eastern Association.—Brethren J. L. Wescott and John J. Beasley.

To the Pee Dee Association, (N. C.)—Elder D. C. McMillan and Bro. A. D. McLean.

To the Cedar Creek Association.—Elder R. M. Sessoms, and Brethren G. W. Hester and Evander Singletary.

To the Waccamaw Association.—Elder J. W. Kirton, and Brethren Jos. Stanaland and Dr. J. F. Harrell.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. SESSOMS,
D. C. HUMPHREY,
JOHN WARWICK,
Committee.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The necessity of a Graded or High School under Baptist influence, in our bounds, to prepare our sons and daughters for college or for usefulness in life, is obvious. We have long felt the want of such an institution.

To supply this great and pressing necessity the brethren and friends of the Baptist Church at Ashpole have made arrangements to erect suitable buildings for conducting such a school; all that is necessary to make it a grand success is more money, good teachers and a liberal patronage.

The location is healthy, society good, board will be cheap, tuition reasonable; and every other inducement that can be reasonably expected, will

be offered to build up and establish a permanent school, second to none in the State of like grade. Said school is denominated by the stockholders, "The Cape Fear Baptist Associational High School," and we take pleasure in recommending it to the favorable consideration of our Association, and hope they will adopt it as the Associational School, and that such a liberal patronage will be extended it as will make it an honor to the Baptist denomination in general, and to the Cape Fear Association in particular.

We solicit the aid and influence of the ministry and friends of Education generally, in the taking of stock and furnishing patronage. It is the intention of the stockholders to make it a male and female school, and to commence teaching in January, 1878.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. PITTMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

The work assigned to the Gospel Ministry is such as to demand the best energies of the head and heart of him who would engage therein.

When we consider the issues that hang upon the faithful preaching of the gospel, who shall appreciate the force of that Scripture which directs the preacher to "study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and to give himself wholly thereto, in order that he may make full proof of his ministry; but one will naturally apply his energies and attention to that from which he expects his support in life. If one desires the services of another he will naturally expect to provide for the support of the one in his employ. So the Scriptures teach that "they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. DOW, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools heartily endorse the report of last session on this subject.

Sabbath Schools are heaven-born institutions, and should receive the endorsement of every child of God. We believe that every minister should encourage them by his presence and counsel. We hope that the various Sabbath Schools will labor to establish Mission Schools, when and where it is practicable.

We recommend the "Little Leader" plan, and hope that all Sunday Schools will endeavor at least to teach the children the great duty of giving to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. POWELL, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education report that they rejoice that in many sections much has been done for the education of the rising generation, and especially that many of our churches have been awakened upon the subject of Ministerial Education. But, brethren, while much has been done there yet remains much more to be done. That we are not up to our duty as to the education of the present rising generation is a fact to which truth will compel all us to plead guilty.

The State Board of Education has at Wake Forest College eight young men who are studying to be better prepared to proclaim God's truth to dying sinners; and the more successfully to refute the errors of the present day. These brethren need our prayers and our pecuniary aid.

Your Committee regret that circumstances forbid a more extended report on this important subject. Respectfully submitted,

STINCEON IVEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON DOMESTIC AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

Your Committee find pleasure in announcing to the Association the gratifying fact that the great work of the Southern Baptists, committed to the Board of Home Missions is being prosecuted with vigor and success. The work among the Indian tribes has reached a degree of prosperity that renders it permanent. Dr. Buckner, our leading Missionary to these people, has established large and self-sustaining churches and a school of high grade, where the native preachers and teachers are being trained. The large debt of the Board has been reduced within bounds and arrangements made for its gradual settlement. The success of this Board in aiding feeble churches and in building up churches in destitute towns and villages may be seen in many parts of our State, as well as in each State within the bounds of the Convention. The work commends itself to every Baptist in the South, and the Board deserves our sympathy, prayers and contributions. Rev. E. Dodson, "an epistle known and read of all men," and one of the most self-sacrificing and consecrated of God's servants, is the agent of this Board for North Carolina. We commend him to the hearts and homes of all our people. Respectfully submitted,

C. T. BAILEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The magnitude of the work of the Baptist State Convention increases just as our country is filling up with a rapidly increasing population, and

stepping forward in a marked progress in science, art, material growth, thought and multiplied phases of religious creeds and faiths.

The great work of Sabbath Schools is pressing more heavily, and calling louder for a united and vigorous effort, than in any of the past ages; while Education, the proper development of the mind's faculties, should engage the energies of every patriot, and especially Christians.

The evangelization of our own State and country, giving our own citizens the pure gospel, we cannot neglect, without great loss in our temporal interests, our spiritual welfare, and guilty of unfaithfulness and disloyalty to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Error in every possible form is rapidly spreading over our whole State. It would seem that the Devil had almost professed christianity. It is the work of the State Mission Board to give, as far as possible, our commonwealth the pure gospel. Its labors are abundantly blessed as the means are furnished. If it is doing but little it is because but little is given to this work.

The Foreign Mission field is being opened more and more to the Gospel. And the hundreds of millions of our fellow creatures can now be reached by the soldiers of the cross. We must go forward or we will suffer in our home work, our own spiritual interests.

Then we commend all the objects of the State Convention to the churches of this Association for their cordial support.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. RICHARDSON,
D. J. CLARK,
J. L. WESCOTT,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINATIONS.

Your Committee on examination of Brethren J. S. Caines, Kinchen Barnes and W. L. Tart, for Ordination to the full work of the ministry, recommend that Brethren Caines and Barnes continue laboring in their present capacity till a field of labor is opened to them, and that, in view of W. L. Tart having so recently joined our church, that his ordination be deferred for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID J. RAY,
D. B. DOW,
E. W. WOOTEN,
A. R. PITTMAN,
D. K. BENNETT,
J. B. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

S. E. WARD, TREASURER, *In account with the Cape Fear Association.*

1875			
Oct.	To cash on hand from 1874,.....	$ 12 26	
	To cash from Finance Committee,.....	116 81	
	By amount paid D. K. Bennett, Clerk,.....		$ 30 00
	By amount paid postage, &c.,.....		2 41
	By amount paid freight on Minutes,.....		2 00
	By amount paid for printing Minutes,.....		95 00
1876			
Oct.	To cash from Finance Committee,.....	80 20	
	By amount paid D. K. Bennett, Clerk,.....		30 00
	By amount paid for printing Minutes,.....		85 00
	By amount paid freight on Minutes,.....		2 67
1877			
Oct.	To cash from Finance Committee,.....	101 74	
	By amount paid D. K. Bennett, Clerk,.....		30 00
Dec.	Cash on hand,.....		33 93
		$ 311 01	$ 311 01
	To balance brought down,.....	33 93	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Association fund
ROBESON COUNTY.												
Antioch,	John Warwick, U. Pittman, Henry Pittman...	....	....	....	5	6	..	103	204	4	311	4 38
Ashpole,	*A. R. Pittman*, Jacob Leggett, McL. Lee,*....	1	1	2	9	3	1	94	153	2	249	2 15
Back Swamp,	N. Townsend, J. P. Prevatt, L. F. Nance,....	3	2	5	6	1	4	52	86	26	164	2 20
Big Branch,	J. Blackman, Thomas Nye, Wm. McPhatter,*	9	....	5	6	5	2	111	193	...	304	3 85
Clybon's,	*F. Prevatt, F. A. Prevatt*, E. W. Prevatt,.....	4	15	...	4	1	1	25	30	2	57	2 25
Hog Swamp,	C. Britt, Z. Carter,* W. Nye,...	14	6	3	1	3	1	81	92	.....	173	3 00
Long Branch,	*S. D. Collins*, W. A. Allen, D. Ivey,.....	16	13	....	....	1	...	42	30	....	72	2 50
Lumberton,	H. T. Pope, J. T. Bullard, J. S. Thompson,...	...	6	...	2	4	1	41	109	2	150	3 00
Mount Eliam,	K. Phillips, W. Lawson, Elias Stone,.....	9	..	6	13	2	.	48	82	....	130	1 40
Mount Moriah,	A. D. McLean, W. B. McLean,.....	....	...	....	4	...	..	18	34	...	56	1 45
Pleasant Grove,	J. W. Butler, I. R. Butler, A. W. Davis,.....	....	2	...	1	4	1	....	.	....	79	2 00
Raft Swamp,	T. Pernell, John Prevatt, L. E. Tyner,.....	9	8	4	4	4	1	51	53	17	104	2 40
Spring Hill,	Giles Williams, E. Page,* J. W. Edmond, ...	19	2	....	...	1	1	26	37	....	63	2 00
Ten Mile Swamp,	Eli Phillips, R. A. Rozier, A. D. Biggs,.....	5	2	..	2	3	..	16	26	...	42	1 30
Tolarsville,	W. J. Tolar, D. C. Humphrey, E. Blount,....	6	1	1	...	....	..	11	14	...	25	1 00
White Pond,	N. B. McLean,* J. B. Pittman,* J. H. Bass,...	....	...	..	1	2	..	11	12	....	23	1 50
Zion's Tabernacle,	Riley Wilson, R. Rozier,* T. Allen,*.	4	1	2	1	3	..	40	54	....	94	75
COLUMBUS COUNTY.												
Bogue Chapel,	W. T. Hall,* A. R. Wayne, M. Flynn,.....	34	13	....	....	....	..	38	25	.....	63	2 00
Cedar Grove,	Not represented. Total of 1875,.....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	.....	88	.. ..
Cherry Grove,	R. R. Buffkin, B P Strickland, J M Coleman,*	28	...	4	....	2	1	38	73	6	117	2 00
Cross Roads,	*H. Lennon*, R. Powers, J. R. McColskey.....	20	....	1	3	5	..	89	156	6	245	7 00

STATISTICAL TABLE---*Continued.*

COUNTIES AND CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Colored.	Total.	Associat'n Fund.
Fair Bluff,	I M Powell,* H Coleman, Dr J M McGougan,*	15	4	....	....	....	..	18	15	.....	33	1 50
Flemington,	Not represented. Total of 1876,	....	....	.....	....	....	..	.....	....	....	28	.....
Macedonia,	*D. B. Dow*, John Hill, N. L. Williamson,	8	2	....	2	1	2	90	96	26	186	1 80
Mount Sinai,	E. H. Todd, J. H. Stroud,	....	1	....	....	2	..	16	25	....	41	1 50
Mount Zion,	Oran Lennon, E. J. Russ, F. P. Lennon,	12	1	2	4	..	..	44	57	...	101	2 00
Pleasant Plain,	Dr. J. F. Harrell,* J. C. Gore, J. B. Harrelson,	3	1	6	5	7	2	58	112	18	188	3 10
Porter Swamp,	J. A Floyd, M. D. Godwin,* J. C. Carroll,	8	....	2	5	8	3	35	88	.. ...	123	1 65
Piney Forest,	C. E. Bullard, J. W. Powell,* W. H. Vann,	16	..	...	4	1	1	39	73	2	114	1 35
Sweet Home,	James Ward,* A. F. Ward,*	....	....	.....	....	2	2	9	22	.....	31	50
Western Prong,	*E. W. Wooten*, L. Jordan,* C. D. Russ,*	20	4	2	2	6	3	72	100	1	171	2 00
White Marsh,	Thos. Barefoot, G. M. Barefoot, G. W. Flynn,*	2	...	7	14	9	..	36	72	....	108	1 35
Whiteville,	Thos. Thompson, J. C. Ellis, R. T. Thompson,	2	5	...	1	....	..	....	....	...	45	1 55
BLADEN COUNTY.												
Abbottsburg,	R. L. Mason, O. Hall, D. G. McKay,	1	4	..	8	2	..	12	12	.....	24	1 50
Galeed,	J. G. Freeman, H. F. Hilbun,* C. W. Williams,	17	11	...	....	....	..	35	27	....	62	1 65
Hester's,	W. B. Hester,* J. W. Hester, E. Singletary,	....	2	..	1	2	..	17	24	...	41	1 70
Hickory Grove,	*R. M. Sessoms*, E. Johnson, Forney Davis,	3	2	1	4	5	...	55	108	8	171	2 00
French's Creek,	Not represented. Total of 1876,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	118	.....
Mount Olive,	J. B. Allen,* J. T. Allen,* D. J. Allen,*	2	....	....	1	3	..	24	38	1	63	1 50
Mount Pleasant,	D. J. Clark, B. F. Watson,* J. A. Register,*	4	2	2	6	1	..	35	35	..	74	1 00
Paradise,	E. J. Grimsley, A. J. Benson,* M. J. Carroll,*	12	2	3	3	...	1	24	40	....	64	1 50
Sandy Grove,	A. Edwards, W. T. Pate,* D. W. Cain,*	12	....	1	2	1	3	34	41	1	76	78
Shady Grove,	*D C Kelley*, W. L. Tart, G. W. Thompson,	...	....	..	7	5	..	37	41	2	80	2 00

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.												
Antioch,	R. W. Woodside,* M. Long, R. Vernon,*	....	....	....	....	....	..	8	11	....	19	1 00
Bethel,	B. D. Wescott,	2	....	....	....	....	1	14	25	....	39	75
d Beulah	J. W. Tharp, Thomas Hickman,	16	...	....	....	1	..	16	33	...	49	....
Bryan's Chapel,	Not represented. Total of 1874,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	...	42	.....
Cheerful Hope,	*J. P. Lennon*, John Collins,* L. H. McKeithen*	1	....	....	...	1	..	18	44	....	58	1 00
d Green Swamp,	S. K. Little, H. L. Little,* Samuel Clewis,	1	1	....	....	....	1	15	18	....	33	2 00
Lebanon,	*A A Edwards*,*M W Reynolds,* I W Harrels'n*	6	2	3	....	....	1	13	21	....	34	1 00
Livingston Chapel,	*L. W. Hilbun*,*	6	....	4	....	....	..	19	25	....	44	50
Mill Creek,	J. B. Simmons,* J. P. Ballard,*	7	....	6	...	1	1	13	18	....	31	65
Mount Pisgah,	Lorenzo Sellers,* W. R. Sellers,* G. W. Grey,*	23	7	13	5	2	2	42	48	1	129	1 25
Shiloh,	Joseph Stanaland,	17	....	....	1	....	..	13	25	...	38	1 00
Smithville,	John L. Wescott,	....	2	....	....	....	..	4	16	....	20	75
NEW HANOVER CO.												
Masonboro,	*J. B. Barlow*,* J. J. Beasley, A. J. Deal,	9	....	...	1	2	..	45	70	3	118	2 00
MARION COUNTY, S. C.												
Bear Swamp,	T. W, Ayres, E. B. Ford,* J. N. Page,	30	....	3	....	2	2	93	182	1	276	3 91
Buck Swamp,	E. Rogers,* Lewis Harrelson, Enoch Rogers,*	13	....	....	....	1	1	45	80	..	125	45
Mount Zion,	J B Williamson,* A A McMillan,* A R McPhail*	25	3	....	....	....	..	39	37	2	76	....
Piney Grove,	H. H. Hays,* A. J. Campbell, Alex. Hays,	8	....	8	4	7	2	101	129	3	233	2 25
HORRY COUNTY, S. C.												
Bug Swamp,	Not represented. Total of 1875,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	63	....
Cedar Creek,	J. A. Small, G. D. Gibson, D. P. Hammond,*	....	....	...	8	1	1	29	46	..	75	1 00
d Conwayboro',	R G W Grisset,* J L Reaves,* C P Quattlebaum*	7	9	....	2	1	..	13	31	1	45	1 00
Salem,	Not represented. Total of 1875,	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	63	.....
Spring Branch,	E. Coleman,* R. H. Hatcher, J. R. Floyd,	....	4	....	2	4	...	46	98	....	144	3 00
Little River,	Not represented. Total of 1874,	....	....	....	..	....	..	....	....	....	26	.....
Union,	*J. W. Kirton*, H. C. Ammons,* E. W. Johnson,*	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	.....	87	1 50
d United Churches,	D. M. Edge, Jr., I. P. Edge,* Erasmus Todd,	7	2	2	2	2	..	24	53	....	77	.....
		497					43				6469	

d Dismissed to join Waccamaw Association. *Absent. Ministers names in *italics*.

199
6250
135 Colored
6115

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD

OF

CAPE FEAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SATURDAY, October 27th, 1877.

The Board was called to order by the President, Elder A. R. PITTMAN.

Bro. J. L. WESCOTT invoked the Divine direction.

The Secretary called the list of Life Members.

Brethren G. W. JONES and JOHN WARWICK were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion, the former officers were unanimously re-elected.

Churches and individuals then presented their dues and donations to the Board. (See table.)

The Superintendent and Financial Agent was, on motion, authorized to make settlement with our Associational Missionaries.

Resolved, That the Superintendent and Financial Agent, with the Committee on Finance, make to the Executive Committee a Tabular Report, and that the same be appended to these Minutes.

Brethren JACOB LEGGETT, E. W. PREVATT, J. S. THOMPSON, W. J. TOLAR and A. F. FREEMAN, were made Life Members of the Board.

The former Executive Committee, viz: JOHN WARWICK, E. W. WOOTEN, W. J. TOLAR, F. LENNON, G. W. JONES, GILES WILLIAMS and I. M. POWELL, were, on motion, unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

All unfinished business was, on motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

On motion, adjourned.

A. R. PITTMAN, PRESIDENT.
H. LENNON, SUP'T & F. A.

D. K. BENNETT, *Secretary*.

LIST OF LIFE MEMBERS

Of the Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Association.

Ayres, William*
Ayres, D. B.
Ayres, E. S.
Bennett, D. K.
Bordeaux, M. M.
Bullock, H. G.
Britt, John J.
Bullock, Charles
Clark, J. D.
Coleman, Elisha
Creech, Elijah
Daniel, D. J.
Edwards, A. A.
Edwards, Haynes
Ellis, J. B.
Elwell, J. D.*
Enzor, H.
Floyd, A. E.
Freeman, A. F.
Godwin, B.
Gore, J. W.
Gore, D. N.
Gore, A. M,
Gore, W. E.
Grantham, J. F.
Cranger, Levi
Hammond, Archibald
Hardie, Isaac
Harrelson, E. W.
Hewett, Moses
Hilbun, L. W.
Hill, G. W.
Holden, R. W.
Inman, J. H. A.
Inman, J. L.
Jennings, S. B.
Johnson, Ewen
Jollie, J. H.
Jones, G. W.
Journigan, Wm.
Kellihan, David
Lancaster, Jesse,
Lawson, Alva
Leggett, Jacob
Lennon, Haynes
Lennon, Francis,
Lennon, Oran
Lennon, R. P.
Lennon, J. E.
Lennon, J. P.
Lennon, Wright
Lennon, D. S.
Lennon, Ira
Long, R. J.
Ludlam, W. C.
Marshburn, D. H.
Mason, R. L.
Mayo, J. A.
McRackan, R. M.
McGougan, J. M.
McDaniel, Eli
Memory, T. S.
Monroe, P.
Moore, Oran
Nance, L. F.
Nance, J. L.*
Newbeury, T. B.
Pate, G. G.
Phillips, E.
Phillips, J. T.
Pittman, N. R.
Pittman, A. R.
Pittman, A. McA.
Pope, H. T.
Porter, Caswell
Powell, A. F.
Prevatt, Forney,
Prevatt, J. T.
Prevatt, F. A.
Prevatt, Jas.
Prevatt, E. W.
Price, E. D.
Ray, D. J.
Register, A. M
Rogers, R. A.
Smith, S. W.
Smith, J. W.*
Stanaland, Daniel*
Stanaland, Joseph.
Stone, Samuel
Stone, W. A.*
Sutton, J. G.
Sutton, J. A.
Todd, E. H.
Tolar, W. J.
Thompson, S. B.
Thompson, J. H.
Thompson, J. S.
Townsend, Neill
Ward, J. F.
Ward, S. E.
Wescott, J. L.
Wescott, S. W.*
Worley, Coleman
Woodside, R. W.
Williamson, J. I.
Yates, L. I.

*Dead.

[NOTE.—If there are errors in this list, the brethren will please inform the Secretary and it shall appear correct in the future.]

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of Contributions to Board of Domestic Missions in Cape Fear Baptist Association.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	Assseciation Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
Robeson County.					
Antioch,	18 25	.....	.....	.....	18 25
Ashpole,	13 50	8 50	7 57	14 50	44 07
Back Swamp,	3 45	2 75	4 00	5 25	15 45
Big Swamp,	5 90	2 61	.....	.....	8 51
Clybon's.,	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Hog Swamp,	1 00	1 15	65	.....	2 80
Long Branch,	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	10 00
Lumberton,	10 40	15 25	25	4 11	30 01
Mount Eliam,	35	35	.....	.....	70
Pleasant Grove,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Raft Swamp,	2 85	2 00	6 20	.....	11 05
Spring Hill,	8 75	4 00	1 50	7 50	21 74
Ten Mile Swamp,	1 50	1 15	.....	.....	2 65
Tolarsville,	11 10	10 10	10 10	20 77	53 37
White Pond,	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	8 00
Zion's Tabernacle,	2 50	.....	75	1 00	4 25
Mount Moriah,	3 75	2 25	2 25	8 55	16 80
Columbus County.					
Bogue Swamp,	2 85	.....	.....	.....	2 85
Cedar Grove,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cherry Grove,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cross Roads,	47 58	50	2 85	50	51 43
Fair Bluff,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Flemington,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macedonia,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mount Sinai,	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Mount Zion,	7 25	.....	.....	.....	7 25
Pleasant Plain,	6 55	.....	1 35	.....	7 90
Porter Swamp,	7 35	.....	.....	.....	7 35
Piney Forest,	13 15	.....	.....	.....	13 15
Sweet Home,	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Western Prong,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Marsh,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Whiteville,	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Bladen County.					
Abbottsburg,	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Galeed,	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Hester's,	.....	.....	2 25	.....	2 25
Hickory Grove,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Continued.

COUNTIES, CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
French's Creek,					
Mount Olive,	2 45				2 45
Mount Pleasant,					
Paradise,					
Sandy Grove,					
Shady Grove,	7 60				7 50
Brunswick County.					
Antioch,					
Bethel,				3 90	3 90
Bryan's Chapel,					
Cheerful Hope,	4 00				4 00
Lebanon,	5 00			75	5 75
Livingston Chapel,	1 00				1 00
Mill Creek,					
Mount Pisgah,					
Shiloh,					
Smithville,	2 00				2 00
New Hanover County.					
Masonboro',			2 25	75	3 00
Marion County, S. C.					
Bear Swamp,	10 00	5 00	5 00	7 09	27 09
Buck Swamp,					
Mount Zion,					
Piney Grove,	4 40	2 00	68	25	7 33
Horry County, S. C.					
Bug Swamp,					
Cedar Creek,	1 25				1 25
Salem,					
Spring Branch,	17 10	1 95	1 00	1 00	21 05
Union,					
Individuals.					
Mrs. Eliza Watts,		20			20
Mrs. Martha Ayers,		50			50
Rev. E. D. Johnson,		1 00			1 00
Mrs. Eliza Flowers,		50			50
Rev. O. L. Stringfield,			50		50
Bear Sw'p ch. Bible Class,			50		50
Elias B. Ford,				10 00	10 00
Thomas Ayers,				10 00	10 00
Miss Mattie Ford,				2 00	2 00
J. N. Page,				5 00	5 00
John Warwick,				5 00	5 00
Calvin Flowers,				5 00	5 00
S. E. Ward,				5 00	5 00
Rev. A. R. Pittman,				5 00	5 00
Mrs. C. E. Jackson,				2 00	2 00
Rev. D. C. McMillan,				1 00	1 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—Continued.

INDIVIDUALS.	Association Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Totals.
Levi Grainger,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Clinton Worley,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Preston Grainger,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Orton Grainger,	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
John Enzor,	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
Elisha Coleman,	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Miss Hattie Harrell,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Rev. Haynes Lennon,	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00
Sabbath Collection,	18 89	5 10	5 00	.....	28 99
	$ 299 72	$ 70 86	$ 59 95	$ 160 92	$ 591 45

[NOTE.—The contribution from Mt. Pisgah Church ($1.50) came to hand too late to be inserted in this report, it will appear in its proper place hereafter.]

S. E. WARD, TREASURER, *In account with Domestic Mission Board of the Cape Fear Baptist Association.*

Oct. 1877.	By Association Mission Fund,		$ 299 72
	To paid D. J. Ray, old debt,	$ 20 79	
	To paid D. J. Ray, 30 days service,	60 00	
	To paid D. K. Bennett, old debt,	20 07	
	To paid D. K. Bennett, 16 days service,	32 00	
	To paid H. Lennon old debt,	16 20	
	To paid J. B. Richardson, service,	65 00	
	To paid J. F. McMillan, 33 days service,	49 50	
	To paid Ministerial Education Fund,	36 16	
			299 72
	By State Mission Fund,		70 86
	To paid J. B. Richardson, agent,	58 23	
	To paid N. B. Broughton, Treasurer,	12 63	
			70 86
	By Foreign Mission Fund,		59 95
	To paid J. B. Richardson, agent,	42 87	
	To paid N. B. Broughton, Treasurer,	17 08	
			59 95

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventy-Second Annual Session

OF THE

Raleigh Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

APEX, WAKE COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, 1877.

DANIEL B. HOLLAND, Moderator, New Hill, N. C.
JAMES Q. WILLIAMS, Clerk, Cary, N. C.
J. B. STRAIN, Reading Clerk.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
NOVEMBER, 1877.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. S. Ferrell,	Green Level,	North Carolina.
Jno. F. Ellington,	Clayton,	" "
J. M. Holleman,	Apex,	" "
J. W. F. Rogers,	Apex,	" "
Stinceon Ivey,	Whiteville,	" "
J. C. Marcom,	Ballentine's Mills,	" "
G. J. Dowell,	Cary,	" "
S. W. Mitchell,	Morrisville,	" "
Thos. W. Young,	Morrisville,	" "
Amos Weaver,	Clayton,	" "
W. C. Nowell,	Eagle Rock,	" "
J. D. Davis,	Smithfield,	" "
A. J. Nowell,	Eagle Rock,	" "
Johnson Olive,	Holly Springs,	" "
A. D. Blackwood,	Cary,	" "

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LICENTIATES.

Jno. R. Maynard,	Morrisville,	North Carolina.
Rayford P. Driver,	Earpsboro',	" "
H. W. Norris,	Ballentine's Mills,	" "
P. R. Jones,	Old Shops,	" "
W. Parker,	Raleigh,	" "
Alvin Betts,	Cary,	" "
R. I. Bennett,	New Hill,	" "

Clerks of Churches are requested to be more particular and send in their letters to the Association the names of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates.

PROCEEDINGS.

APEX CHURCH, WAKE COUNTY, N. C.
THURSDAY, October 25, 1877.

The Delegates and Ministers on assembling according to previous appointment with the Church at Apex, Eld. G. J. Dowell preached the Introductory Denominational Sermon, from Mark 16: 15: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" &c., after which there was a short intermission.

1:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Association was called to order by the former Moderator, Bro. D. B. Holland, who read 133d Psalm. Prayer by Eld. J. C. Marcom.

Reading Clerks appointed: Eld. A. D. Blackwood and Bro. J. B. Strain.

The list of Churches was called and delegates were enrolled as follows:

Hepzibah.—Jno. Rhodes, A. B. Marshburn, W. I. Ferrell, A. L. Ferrell.
Johnson Antioch.—Not represented.
Archer Lodge.—Letter.
Lee's Chapel.—Letter.
Live Oak.—J. M. Dodson, N. E. Earp, J. R. Dinkins.
Pine Level.—Not represented.
Emmaus.—Letter.
Selma.—J. C. Scarborough, Daniel Sellers.
White Stone.—C. D. Bunn, M. Whitley, Benj. Pierce.
Leesville.—Wm. Oneal.
Salem.—T. T. Holland, A. K. Clements, A. B. Freeman, J. J. Mann, J. J. Maynard.
Ephesus.—W. J. Holleman, Alvin Betts, Cary C. Yates, C. H. Thompson.
Cary.—Christopher Holleman, J. Z. Bennet, J. T. Blackwood.
Mt. Hermon.—Warren W. King, W. R. Page, J. Q. Adams, Jr.
Mt. Zion.—Not represented.
Morrisville.—Madison Barbee, S. C. Marcom, Rufus Barbee.
Cedar Fork.—W. D. Carlton.
Green Level.—G. A. Upchurch, Addison Council.
New Bethel.—W. Parker, L. J. Weathers.
Mt. Moriah.—Troy Poole, C. E. Gower, W. P. Stallings.
Smithfield.—Letter.
Johnston Liberty.—J. M. White, S. Creech.

Bethesda.—John Holt.
Shiloh.—J. L Holland.
Pleasant Grove.—G. H. Alford, P. R. Jones, E. B. Jones.
Baptist Centre.—Amos Weaver, W. S. Boone.
Swain Street.—L. O. Lougee, J. M. Broughton, N. B. Broughton, J. S. Allen.
Apex.—W. B. Olive, J. J. Edwards, H. C. Olive, G. W. Atkinson, H. T. Moore.
Shady Grove.—Holloway Olive, T. S. Boothe, B. B. Freeman, W. H. Womble, B. H. Wilson.
Neill's Creek.—Letter.
Piney Grove.—A. D. Jones, Q. I. Norris, A. B. Betts.
Holly Springs.—Jas. Adams, D. B. Holland, Gaston Booker, Isaac Hunter, Jas G. Brown.
Collins' Grove.—I. H. Collins, H. W. Norris, N. G. Burns.
Buie's Creek.—Sampson R. Wilson.
Zoar.—H. H. Eatman, J. H. Eatman, L. A. Eatman.
Inwood.—J. B. Strain, Anderson Betts.

On motion, Bro. J. C. Scarboro was recognized as a delegate from Selma, and Bro. Warren W. King also from Mt. Hermon in absence of a regular letter.

Petitioning letters were called for, when a letter was presented from Inwood Church, with the following delegation: J. B. Strain, A. Betts. Upon satisfaction of orthodox constitution, on motion, the church was received as a component member of this body, and its delegates welcomed to seats by extending the right hand of fellowship to the delegates by the Moderator.

On motion, Bro. N. B. Broughton was recognized as a delegate from Swain Street Church.

Ordained Ministers present, belonging to the Association: J. C. Marcom, A. Weaver, G. J. Dowell, A. D. Blackwood, Thos. W. Young, Johnston Olive, S. W. Mitchell, J. M. Holleman, J. W. F. Rogers.

Brethren W. D. Carlton and J. B. Strain were appointed to act as as tellers and the body proceeded to the election of Moderator. Result: D. B. Holland was re-elected.

Motion was made that J. Q. Williams be re-elected by acclimation. The motion was carried.

Visiting Ministers invited to seats, when Dr. T. H. Pritchard reported from Central Association; Elder Trezevant Harrison, from Chowan Association; Dr. J. B. Hartwell, Tung Chow, China, Agent Foreign Mission Board; Elder Allen Betts, Corresponding Messenger from Little River Association; J. M. Hilliard, Mt. Zion Association.

On motion, Pastor and Deacons of Apex Church are appointed a Committee on Religious Exercises, and, by request of the Pastor, Elders J. M. Holleman and J. W. F. Rogers were added to the Committee.

On motion, Brethren J. B. Strain and Jas. Adams were appointed a Committee on Finance.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed :

On Church Letters.—J. M. Broughton, Troy Poole, G. H. Alford.
On Sabbath Schools.– Elder J. Olive, J. M. White, G. W. Atkinson.
On State Missions.—Dr. T. H. Pritchard, T. W. Young, H. C. Olive.
On Prayer and Prayer Meetings.—H. W. Norris, C. E. Gower, B. B. Freeman.
On Periodicals.—N. B. Broughton, Elder A. Weaver, H. H. Eatman.
On Foreign Missions.—Dr. J. B. Hartwell, Elders A. D. Blackwood, G. J. Dowell.
On Education.—J. C. Scarborough, Elder J. M. Holleman, Jas. Adams.
On Temperance.—Elder S. W. Mitchell, Anderson Betts, W. D. Carlton.

On motion, the regular and usual Order of Business was adopted for the government of this body at its present session.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow 9½ o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, October 26th, 9½ o'clock, A. M.

Religious exercises were conducted by Elder R. H. Griffith.

After which, the Association proceeded to the transaction of business.

The list of churches was again called, that other delegates might be enrolled.

Delegates with letter from Live Oak Church reported: Brethren J. M. Dodson, N. E. Earp, J. R. Dinkins.

From Selma: J. C. Scarborough, Daniel Sellers.

Elder Weaver moved to adjourn the body at 11 o'clock to hear preaching.

Amended by Elder Blackwood, to have no preaching at said hour. After discussion,

On motion, the whole matter was laid on the table.

The Sunday School report from Selma was read.

Correspondent from Sandy Creek Association, Bro. Sidney Weatherspoon, reported present.

From South Yadkin, Elder R. H. Griffith, Agent Southern Baptist Seminary, reported present.

Prof. L. R. Mills, from Central Association, Agent Board of Education, reported present.

On motion of Elder A. Weaver, to-morrow, at 10 o'clock, Elder R. H. Griffith will be allowed to present the claims of the Seminary.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved, when, by request of Bro. Broughton, Bro. Whitley was substituted for him as Chairman of the Committee on Periodicals.

On motion, the Constitution of the Association and Rules of Decorum were read.

The report of the Treasurer was adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. Q. Williams, Treasurer, *To Raleigh Association.*

1877.	Dr.	
To amount received from Finance Committee,.....		$ 56 80
	Cr.	
By amount paid for Printing,.....	$ 46 80	
By amount paid Clerk's Fees,.....	10 00	
		$ 56 80

J. Q. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

J. Q. Williams was, on motion, re-appointed Treasurer of the Association.

The committee on State Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The considerations which should induce us to sustain the cause of State Missions are many, but your Committee will present but four in their report:

1st. There is great destitution in many parts of the State. There are upwards of forty towns and villages in the State, where there is either no Baptist Church, or the churches are so feeble as to need external aid in order to become prosperous. There is but one Baptist Church in Edgecombe County, but two in Alamance, but two in Guilford, and not more than half a dozen good healthy churches in four or five counties lying along the Neuse, in the eastern part of the State. Many other parts of our beloved commonwealth are equally unfortunate in regard to the privileges of the Gospel.

2nd. If every town and neighborhood was well supplied with Pedobaptist churches, it would still be our duty, as Baptists, to seek to establish churches of our faith and order among them, since, with all love and charity for them, we believe we alone hold and teach the true theory of a gospel church, with its doctrines and ordinances.

3rd. We present the fact in the third place that the money which has been appropriated to this field has yielded a rich spiritual harvest, in some cases forty, in others sixty, and in others a hundred fold. Witness the condition of the churches of Raleigh, Wilmington, Goldsboro', Charlotte, Mocksville, Statesville, and many other towns with the vigorous churches established in the Catawba and Yadkin Valleys, and many other sections of the country.

4th. The health and prosperity of our churches demand that we shall cultivate the spirit of Missions, and seek to develop the principle of beneficence by giving to the cause of Christ with regularity and system. We believe that giving money is a grace. Paul calls it a grace five times in one letter– it is a most efficient means of grace, and we may not expect our

churches to attain any very large measure of efficiency or christian enjoyment until this grace is more largely practiced by our people.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
H. C. OLIVE,
T. W. YOUNG,
Committee.

After remarks by Dr. Pritchard, Prof. Mills, Brother M. Whitley and others, the report was adopted, and a collection by subscription was taken amounting to $21.00, and cash $51.16.

Delegate from Shiloh arrived, Bro. J. L. Holland.

Bro. J. S. Allen, from Swain Street, arrived, and his name was enrolled ; and also, Elder W. R. Gwaltney, from South Yadkin Association.

On motion of Bro. Blackwood, the body will meet at 9½ o'clock, adjourn at 12½. Assemble at 1½ o'clock, adjourn at pleasure.

Delegates, with letter, from Mt. Hermon reported as folfollows: W. R. Page, J. Q. Adams, Jr.

The report of the Committee on Education was read, when the consideration of its adoption was postponed till 2 P. M.

The hour having arrived for adjournment, the body adjourned until 1½ o'clock, P. M.

1½ O'clock, P. M.

On re-assembling, delegate Bro. E. B. Jones, from Pleasant Grove, reported and was enrolled.

On motion, Elder A. D. Blackwood and Bro. A. B. Freeman were appointed a Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The Committee on Temperance reported, and,

On motion, the report was recommitted to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and made Special Order for action immediately after the adoption of the report on Education.

On motion, Brethren T. Harrison and J. M. White were allowed the privilege of advertising their respective schools on the fly-leaves of the minutes of the Association.

The hour for the Special Order, the consideration of the report of the Committee on Education, having arrived, the same was considered at length by Bro. J. C. Scarborough, Elder Johnson Olive, Dr. Pritchard, Prof. Mills, Elder Allen Betts, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention is now aiding nine young ministers in securing an education at our College. The Board is now out of debt and has a small amount of money on hand. It has very wisely decided to keep clear of debt, even if it has to send home the young ministers now at College. There are many more young brethren asking aid. The Board is of opinion that some of these ought by all means to be aided. They cannot be aided unless the churches will sustain the Board with liberal contributions. We shall not attempt an argument, in this report, on the necessity of Ministerial Education. It is too plain to admit of argument. We earnestly recommend the cause of Ministerial Education to all the pastors and members of the churches in this Association. Let the Board of Education be sustained Let the young men now at college be kept there, and let others asking aid be received and aided. It is an investment which will yield a large income.

We further recommend to all our church members the necessity of educating their children. We believe it to be a part of our religious duty to educate our children to the extent of our ability, and, if necessary, to make great sacrifices for this purpose. We especially urge our pastors to make continual effort to impress on their church members this part of their duty. We cannot, with impunity, neglect the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. SCARBOROUGH,
J. M. HOLLEMAN,
JAS. ADAMS,
Committee.

A collection, amounting to $8.85, was raised for the Board of Education.

The next Special Order being that of the consideration of the report on Sabbath Schools, the same was,

On motion of Bro. J. M. White, postponed and made Special Order for Saturday, 1½ o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the Association makes the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions Special Order for Friday at 11 o'clock, A. M.

A partial report of the Finance Committee was made, and returns made as follows of the funds:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Churches.	State Mis'ions	Fore'gn Mis'ions	Educa-tion.	Associ-tional.
Hepzibah,	.....	.....	.....	$ 3 00
Johnston Antioch,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Archer Lodge	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Lee's Chapel,	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Live Oak	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Pine Level,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emmaus,	.....	.....	.....	50
Selma,	.....	.....	.....	2 00

REPORT ON FINANCE—*Continued.*

Churches.	State Mis'ions	Fore'gn Mis'ions	Educa-tion.	Associa-tional.
White Stone,	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 50
Leesville,	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Apex,	1 70	1 70	.....	1 50
Salem,	2 40	.....	.....	2 00
Ephesus,	.....	.....	.....	2 15
Cary,	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Green Level,	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mt. Hermon,	2 50	2 50	.....	2 00
Mt. Zion,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrisville,	1 33	4 13	25	2 00
Baptist Centre,	.....	5 00	.....	1 00
Cedar Fork,	1 95	1 90	.....	2 00
New Bethel,	6 00	2 50	.....	2 00
Zoar,	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mt. Moriah,	4 10	1 25	.....	2 00
Smithfield,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Johnston Liberty,	5 50	.....	.....	2 00
Bethesda,	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Shiloh,	.....	5 00	.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove,	50	5 00	.....	2 00
Swain Street,	.....	.....	.....	3 00
Shady Grove,	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Neil's Creek,	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Piney Grove,	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Holly Springs,	6 10	50	50	2 00
Collins' Grove,	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Brier Creek,	.....	.....	.....	.....
Inwood,	.....	.....	.....	1 00
	$ 32 99	$ 30 48	$ 1 75	$ 54 65

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

Sent by delegates as an Associational Fund,	$ 54 65
" " for State Missions,	32 99
" " " Foreign Missions,	30 48
" " " Education,	1 75
Total amount paid over to Treasurer of Association by Finance Committee,	$119 87

State Missions,	$ 41 55	
Foreign Missions,	46 09	
Education,	9 70	
Oxford Asylum,	12 00	
Sunday School Board,	237 70	
Other Objects,	130 44	
Indian Missions,	17 30	
Wake Forest College,	333 33	$ 828 11
Total,		$ 947 98

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. STRAIN,
JAMES ADAMS,
Committee.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY, October 27th, 9½ O'clock.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Services were conducted by Eld. Johnson Olive.

Eld. Geo. P. Moore, corresponding messenger from Mt. Zion Association, was welcomed by the body to a seat with us.

The hour for the special order having arrived, (the report of the committee on Periodicals) the said report was read as follows:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We believe that every brother that is the head of a family ought to read and have as a weekly visitor to his house some religious paper, and we heartily recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, our denominational organ, to our brethren, as worthy the patronage of every Baptist within the bounds of this Association, and feel confident that greater good could and would be accomplished if there was a copy in every Baptist family. By the study of its columns we would learn more of our Christian duty and thereby be more useful as church members in promoting the cause of our Heavenly Master. We cannot fail to recommend *Kind Words* as a Sunday School paper. Also, we recommend the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

M. WHITLEY.

The hour for special order having arrived the same was postponed and the further consideration of the report on Periodicals was continued, by Elder Gwaltney, Bro. Whitley, Bro. Broughton and others, and adopted.

Pending which, Eld. John C. Wilson, from Mt. Zion Association, and Bro. Jno. W. Collins, from Little River Association, were invited to seats in the body.

Eld. Weaver moved to limit speeches to ten minutes as to matters of Association, which was amended by inserting 15 minutes, and amendment amended by including all, both visitors and members.

On motion, the whole was laid on the table.

The hour for the special order, being the speech of Elder Griffith in relation to Baptist Theological Seminary, having arrived, the body was entertained in reference thereto by the said brother, with an interesting speech.

The hour for the next special order having arrived, the

report of the committee on Foreign Missions was read, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

If there be one duty plainly enjoined in the word of God it is that of the Church to evangelize the world. This constitutes the prime object of the organization of the Church, and it is the chief work that God requires of his Church.

Your committee, upon consideration of the facts, so far as known to them, are profoundly impressed that there is a criminal apathy on this subject in the churches.

John Smith owes Wm. Jones, for value received, the sum of $5,000; Wm. Jones draws an order on John Smith in favor of Edward Pitts for a smaller amount. John Smith acknowledges the justness of the debt, accepts the draft and acknowledges his ability to pay it. Is he morally and legally bound to pay it? Is he guilty of moral direlection if he fails to pay it and Edward Pitts suffers irreparably in consequence of his failure? Every member of this Association owes to Jesus Christ an immense debt. Jesus Christ, in the 28th chapter of Matthew draws a written order on the christians of this and every other Association in favor of the nations. The christians of this Missionary Baptist Association accept the draft, acknowledge the obligation to pay, and formally, before God, declare their ability to pay, and yet fail to pay while the heathen, in whose favor the written and accepted order stands, are suffering by the neglect an irreparable loss—even eternal damnation. In the report on Foreign Missions last year, this Association solemnly declared "the resources of the Chnrch are fully adequate to this great work if she would put forth her energies. Paul, under similar circumstances, said "I am *debtor* to the Greeks and to the Barbarians." Are we not debtors and are we not guilty of moral dereliction, of moral turpitude, in refusing to pay such an order from such a creditor, while we profess openly that we have the resources? "If ye love me keep my commandments," says Christ. "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say?" Giving the gospel to the heathen is not a work of charity, but a solemn obligation, a bounden duty. Christ commands it; and it becomes us either to renounce our allegiance to him, or to arouse ourselves from our guilty inactivity in this regard. So far as can be learned from the letters sent up by the Churches, the 4,000 Baptists of this Association have contributed during the year only about $100 for Foreign Missions, and this in the face of our own declaration last year that our resources were "fully adequate" to the work required. O for the return of the Spirit of the early christianity, for the return of the Spirit of Christ. Jesus, Master, how canst thou bear with such repudiation of thine authority, such proof that we love thee not?

The Southern Baptist Convention, with which we are identified, have in Africa two missionaries with native assistants; in Italy two and several native laborers; in China eight (male and female), one on the sea returning to the field, and seven, (male and female) now in America. These brethren and sisters we have pledged ourselves to sustain by our sympathies, our prayers and our contributions.

Your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, 1*st*. That this Association recognizes the duty of every christian to contribute regularly and systematically for the propagation of the gospel among the heathen.

Resolved, 2*nd*. That each church be requested to appoint a committee of earnest brethren and sisters whose duty it shall be to call upon each member of the Church, and endeavor to induce each one to contribute at least a small sum regularly to this object.

Resolved, 3*rd*. That the Association appoint one member in each church to represent her, and bring this matter before the next Church Conference; and that the churches be requested to report in their letters next year the degree of success attained.

Resolved 4*th*. That we beg the ministers in the Association to preach and pray on the subject, and teach the people their full duty in this regard.

Resolved 5*th*. That we will endeavor to extend the circulation of *The Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Foreign Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, that our people may keep themselves informed as to the missionary operations of our Southern Baptist Convention

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARTWELL,
A. D. BLACKWOOD,
G. J DOWELL,
Committee.

During discussion by Elders Olive, Hartwell and others, the hour for adjournment having arrived, the same was postponed; and Bro. Hartwell was allowed to continue his speech.

At the close of which a collection was made and turned over to Dr. Hartwell.

The report was adopted and the Association adjourned till 1½ o'clock.

1½ o'clock P. M.

The body was called to order, and the Special Order, report on Sabbath Schools, was postponed one-half hour.

On motion, the next meeting of the body be held at White Stone Church, on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in October, A. D. 1878.

Bro. W. R. Gwaltney was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. A. D. Blackwood, the Missionary Sermon.

On motion, that Elders J. Olive, J. C. Marcom, J. M. Holleman, A. Weaver and G. J. Dowell be appointed a presbytery to examine the candidate, Bro. P. R. Jones, relative to his ordination to the ministry.

The same was amended and passed by adding "the ministers present of this Association."

On motion, the following Correspondents to other Associations were appointed:

To Sandy Creek Association.—B. B. Freeman, Elder S. W. Mitchell.
To Tar River.—T. J. Wiggs, M. Whitley, John Rhodes.
To Central.—Elders J. W. F. Rogers, A. D. Blackwood, W. R. Gwaltney. Bro. N. B. Broughton.
To Mt. Zion.—W. D. Carlton, M. S. Ferrell, Elder G. J. Dowell.
To Little River.—Elder J. M. Holleman, H. W. Norris, J. C. Marcom.

On motion, correspondents to sister Associations, from last year, were called on to report:

Sandy Creek.—No attendance.
Tar River.—Bro. N. B. Broughton reported attendance.
Central.—Bro. Scarborough reported attendance by Bro. S. H. Hood.
Mt. Zion.—Elders A. D. Blackwood, J. Olive, S. W. Mitchell and D. B. Holland reported attendance.
Little River.—No attendance.

The half hour of postponement having expired, the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was taken up and, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The day for saying and proving that the Sabbath Schools is a good and important enterprise has passed. 'Tis now a recognized fact The strange feature in the history of the church to-day is that any christian can be found excusing himself or herself from engaging in it heartily. As an instrumentality it is the hope of the church, as it is the great seed bed out of which God sees fit to draw his material for building up the church militant.

Every live Baptist Church has or will have a Sabbath School, and that christian who can attend and engage in this work, but who does not, is depriving himself of a great blessing as he does who lies thirsting near by running waters.

We commend this work to the prayers of all christians.

JOHNSTON OLIVE,
J. M. WHITE,
G. W. ATKINSON,
Committee.

The following resolution was adopted in connection therewith:

Resolved, That each fifth Sunday be devoted to Sunday School Institutes and that a leader be appointed for each section to arrange programme for same.

The Committee on Prayer and Prayer-Meetings reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON PRAYER AND PRAYER-MEETINGS.

Your Committee regret to hear so few Prayer-Meetings reported in the letters from the churches in our Association. We learn from the Word of God, experience and observation, that prayer is the only channel through which the spiritual life in christians can be gained and sustained. We are of the opinion that the want of prayer-meetings regularly and devotedly attended to in our churches is the great cause of the callousness and inactivity of so many of our members. There are many good laymen in our churches who have the talent to do much good for the cause of Christ by prayer and exhortation, but from the want of opportunity and influences to bring them out, they remain inert and the good work they might per-

form remains undone. We would earnestly commend to all the churches of our body the propriety of holding stated prayer-meetings at their church or some convenient point, to unite in prayer for grace and spiritual life among themselves, and to cultivate and develop that unity for which Christ prayed in behalf of His disciples ; and build a strong hold of faith in Christ to which all His people may repair for the comforts of God's grace.

Whilst we deplore the neglect of church and neighborhood prayer-meetings, we fear that family and secret prayer are also too greatly neglected. This we would refer to each individual christian to consider between himself and God, urging frequent communiou with the Father, ever looking to Him as the Giver of all good in this present time, and in the world to come, eternal life. Parents, have your family altars consecrated to God, gather your households together daily in prayer and thanksgiving, and train your children to an early devotion to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. NORRIS,
C. E. GOWER,
B. B. FREEMAN,
Committee.

On motion, a Letter of Dismission was granted to Buie's Creek Church.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed ten dollars for his services and the balance be expended for printing minutes.

Resolution of thanks was passed for the generosity and hospitality of this community in entertaining this body.

The committee to appoint delegates to Baptist State Convention reported as follows:

Your Committee to nominate Delegates to the Baptist State Convention. nominate the following brethren: Rev. G. J. Dowell, H. W. Norris, Rev, J. W. F. Rogers, W. D. Carlton, C. W. Knight, J. C. Scarborough, J. B. Strain, M. Whitley, Rev. J. M. Holleman, Rev. Johnson Olive, Rev. Amos Weaver, Jacob S. Allen, D. B. Holland, J. Q. Williams, L. O. Lougee, J. M. White, Thomas Richardson, Jno. Rhodes. Rev. J. C. Marcom, Rev. A. D. Blackwood, H. C. Olive, N. B. Broughton, A. L. Ferrell and H. H. Eatman.

On motion, funds raised to-day for Foreign Missions be paid over to Dr. Hartwell to be applied to the Yates Fund, amounting to $20.85.

On motion, the amount collected for State Missions amounting to $89.34, and Education $15.78, and also the funds sent up by churches for Foreign Missions amounting to $30.48, be paid over to the Treasurer of this body and by him forwarded to the Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

The report of the committee on Temperance was submitted, as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee, to whom the subject of Temperance was referred, have

had the same under consideration and beg leave to make the following report:

We are taught in the Scriptures that Temperance is moderation in all things, but in its application to intoxicating liquors as a beverage that it is total abstinence. The brother who sets himself up as a moderate drinker exerts a more baneful influence than the sot; for others in attempting to follow in their footsteps, stumble and fall into a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell. The word of God teaches that drunkenness is a crime as clearly and as definitely as it teaches that murder is a crime. If we can in any way encourage the one and still claim to be christians, we can, with equal propriety, encourage the other. If we use intoxicating liquors at all we are to that extent giving our influence to drunkenness. The word of God teaches us to shun the appearance of evil; to taste not, handle not, touch not the unclean thing. Many Christians, we fear, overlook the fact that in using intoxicating liquors, either publicly or privately we do encourage this great sin against God and evil to our fellow man. Your committee do earnestly recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Association regards the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, as sinful in its practice and ruinous in its tendency.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. MITCHELL,
A. BETTS,
W. D. CARLTON,

Which, after deliberation, was adopted.

The committee on Church Letters reported as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

It is gratifying to be able to state that nearly every church in our bounds is represented by delegates, and in the most cases report progress in their letters. We have great cause for thankfulness to Almighty God for the many blessings that He has showered upon us. We are especially thankful that He has seen fit to remove by death so few from our Association—the number being only 21. There has been received into the churches, by baptism, this Associational year, 176; by letter 82; making a total of 258. There have been excluded from fellowship 81; dismissed by letter 78; total diminution 159. Present total membership 3,414. There is, as appears from the letters of the churches, an increased interest in the Sunday School work. Some of the churches that we know have schools make no report of this work. We would recommend uniformity in the letters, and urge the churches to make full report of this work as the Constitution of the Association requires.

We regret that so little has been done for State and Foreign Missions and Education. We find from letters that in every case where there has been liberality in giving to the cause of Christ, there has been growth and prosperity. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

J. M. BROUGHTON,
TROY POOLE,
G. H. ALFORD,
Committee.

In accordance with the resolution appointing a Sabbath School institute, the following were appointed as leaders in the different sections:

FIRST.—J. C. Scarborough.
SECOND.—H. Weatherspoon,
THIRD.—J. S. Allen.
FOURTH.—Rev. Trezevant Harrison.

Resolution offered by Bro. Atkinson, and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the Churches of this Association be, and are hereby, earnestly requested to adopt some systematic plan of raising funds for the various objects of our Christian benevolence, that the treasury of the Lord's house may never be empty, and that our Missionaries at home and abroad may ever be cheered in their work by this tangible evidence of brotherly sympathy and good will on our part. G. W. ATKINSON.

In accordance with which the following appointments were made for the purpose of urging upon their respective churches the importance of systematic contributions:

Hepzibah—A. L. Ferrell,
Johnson Antioch—H. S. Barnes.
Archer Lodge—
Lee's Chapel—D. H. Bunn,
Live Oak—J. H. Broadwell,
Pine Level—Wm. Worley,
Emmaus—L. Radford,
Selma—S. H. Hood,
White Stone—M. Whitley,
Leesville—W I. Ferguson,
Salem—A. B. Freeman.
Ephesus—A. Betts.
Cary—C. H. Clarke,
Mt. Hermon—A. M. Adams,
Mt. Zion—C. H. Jackson,
Morrisville—J. R. Maynard,
Cedar Fork—Sidney Scott,
Green Level—S. W. Mitchell,
New Bethel—W. Parker,
Zoar—H. H. Eatman,
Mt. Moriah—C. E. Gower,
Smithfield—
Johnson Liberty—J. C. Ellington,
Bethesda—N. G. Gully,
Shiloh—W. B. Godwin,
Pleasant Grove—G. H. Alford,
Baptist Centre—J. G. Barbour,
Swain Street—N. B. Broughton,
Apex—W. B. Olive,
Shady Grove—B. B. Freeman,
Neill's Creek—Thos. Matthews.
Piney Grove—J. D. Ballentine,
Holly Springs—D. C. Adams,
Collin's Grove—H. W. Norris.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

SUNDAY, October 28th, 9 O'clock.

On Sabbath morning, at 9 o'clock, met in Sunday School Mass Meeting. Elder J. W. F. Rogers presiding.

Opened with prayer by Elder Geo. P. Moore, and speeches were made by Brethren N. B. Broughton, G. H. Alford, C. E. Gower, J. M. White and R. H. Griffith.

The exercises were interspersed with beautiful music.

At the hour for preaching, Elder Amos Weaver preached from John 4:37. "And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth."

A collection was taken up amounting to $15.54.

D. B. HOLLAND, MODERATO

JAMES Q. WILLIAMS, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Col'd members.	Total.
FIRST SECTION.												
Hepzibah,	W. C. Nowell,	J. D. Underwood,	Eagle Rock,	...	..	..	6	8	1	299	43	342
Johnson Antioch,	As in 1875	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	153	..	153
Archer Lodge,	A. J. Nowell,	H. L. Barnes,	Clayton,	2	3	..	..	..	1	51	..	51
Lee's Chapel,	Wm. C. Nowell	D. H. Bunn,	Earpsboro',	22	..	..	2	2	2	231	..	231
Live Oak,	A. J. Nowell,	J. M. Dodson,	Selma,	11	..	..	10	6	..	59	..	59
Pine Level,	As in 1876,	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	37	..	37
Emmaus,	Jno. D. Davis	Bettie E. Radford,	Princeton,	..	..	..	2	7	..	13	..	13
Selma,	Jno F. Albritton	E. S Moore,	Selma	...	2	..	..	2	..	47	..	47
White Stone,	Amos Weaver,	R. S Baker,	Wakefield,	18	1	..	..	...	..	65	..	65
SECOND SECTION.												
Leesville,	T. W. Young,	A. R. Edwards,	Kelvin Grove,	7	12	..	7	4	1	82	..	82
Salem,	G. J. Dowell,	A. B. Freeman,	Apex,	25	2	...	5	1	1	228	20	248
Ephesus,	" "	J. Q. Williams,	Cary,	8	5	..	5	3	1	115	..	115
Cary	A. D. Blackwood,	J. Z. Bennett,	Cary,	...	4	..	1	2	..	62	..	62
Mt. Hermon,	" "	J. Q. Adams, Jr.,	Morrisville,	19	..	..	3	..	2	136	..	136
Mt. Zion,	As in 1876,	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	23	1	24
Morrisville,	A. D. Blackwood,	Rufus Barbee,	Morrisville,	7	5	1	7	4	..	157	..	157
Cedar Fork,	" "	Sidney Scott,	Morrisville,	9	2	2	11	2	3	261	..	261
Green Level,	M. S. Ferrell,	A. T. Rogers,	Green Level,	5	7	..	3	..	1	108	..	108
Inwood,	J. C. Marcom,	J. B. Strain,	Raleigh,	1	2	..	..	...	..	16	..	16
THIRD SECTION.												
New Bethel,	Johnson Olive,	B. A. Spence,	Raleigh,	4	..	..	..	...	2	68	..	68

STATISTICAL TABLE.—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Rec'd by letter.	Restored.	Dism'd by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	White members.	Col'd members.	Total.
Zoar,	Amos Weaver,	S. H. Oneal,	Clayton,	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	..	33
Mt. Moriah,	Johnson Olive,	Troy Poole,	Auburn,	..	5	1	1	2	2	200	1	201
Smithfield,	Jno F. Ellington,	E. E. Powell,	Smithfield,	..	..	..	..	..	..	unk	no	wn.
Johnson Liberty,	" "	Jno. C. Ellington,	Clayton,	..	1	1	..	1	..	118	..	118
Bethesda,	" "	N. G. Gully,	Clayton,	1	..	..	..	5	..	104	..	104
Shiloh,	G. J. Dowell,	C. H. Holland,	Leachburg,	10	..	1	..	1	..	51	2	53
Pleasant Grove,	" "	P. R. Jones,	Old Shops,	5	..	1	4	..	..	62	...	62
Baptist Centre,	Amos Weaver,	Jno. G. Barbour,	Clayton,	..	..	..	..	..	1	42	..	42
Swain Street,	W. R. Gwaltney,	L. O. Lougee,	Raleigh,	13	9	..	5	8	2	136	..	136
FOURTH SECTION.												
Apex,	Trezevant Harrison,	J. J. Edwards,	Apex,	5	3	..	..	..	..	67	..	67
Shady Grove,	J. C. Wilson,	W. H. Bennett,	New Hill,	7	2	..	..	1	..	175	8	183
Neill's Creek,	J. M. Holleman,	Thos. W. Matthews,	Winslow,	17	2	1	2	4	1	150	4	154
Piney Grove,	" "	J. D. Ballentine,	Balentine's Mills,	..	..	..	..	1	1	193	..	193
Collins' Grove,	" "	I. H. Collins,	New Hill,	..	2	1	5	1	..	103	2	105
Holly Springs,	Johnson Olive,	S. C. Holland,	Holly Springs,	3	5	..	6	3	1	144	6	150
Totals,	....	....	....	199	74	8	85	68	23	3889	87	3976

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MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Pee Dee Baptist Association,

HELD WITH THE

Pee Dee Church,

LILESVILLE, ANSON COUNTY, N. C.,

OCTOBER 18--21, 1877.

Moderator---Rev. W. M. BOSTICK, Bostick'sMills, N. C.
Clerk---COLLIER COBB, Lilesville, N. C.

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W. M. Bostick,	Bostick's Mills,	North	Carolina.
N. B. Cobb,	Lilesville,	"	"
Jas. Jordan,	Troy,	"	"
J. W. Littleton,	Albemarle,	"	"
Jas. R. Littleton,	"	"	"
J. J. McLendon,	Ansonville,	"	"
John Monroe,	Laurel Hill,	"	"
B. Saunders,	Lilesville,	"	"
G. O. Wilhoit,	Ansonville,	"	"
D. Wright,	Troy,	"	"

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Pee Dee Church, at Lilesville, N. C.

Thursday, October 18th, 1877.

The Pee Dee Association assembled in its sixty-second session, with the Pee Dee Church, at 11 o'clock A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. M. Bostick of Richmond county, from Hebrews xii: 28.

After a recess for dinner the body was called to order by Rev. W. M. Bostick, former Moderator, and opened by singing, reading the Scriptures by the Moderator, and prayer by Rev. N. B. Cobb.

Rev. N. B. Cobb of Anson, and Bro. C. H. Spencer of Camden county, were appointed Clerks pro. tem, and the letters from the churches were read, and the names of the delegates enrolled as follows:

Pee Dee Church.—W. T. Williams, J. J. Saunders, J. A. Tyson.
Forks of Little River.—Jas. Jordan, M. McMillan, John L. McMillan.
Bethel.—J. R. Dun, S. D. Ballard, A. L. Ballard.
Cartledge's Creek,—J. B. Covington, M. J. Thrower, E. L. Hicks.
Saron.—W. R. Covington, W. D. Townsend, W. C. Nicholson.
Dover.—Noah Freeman, James Milton, Joseph Deaton.
Ebenezer.—Parham Kirk, W. K. Littleton, J. W. Littleton.
Gum Spring.—Sanford Liles, David Dabbs, John Knotts.
Red Hill.—John Q. Mills, D. M. Austin, E. H. Seago.
Blackwood's Chapel.—Jas. D. Haywood, S. T. Usher, H C. Luther.
Mt. Gilead.—W. M. Bostick, E. A. Hartsell, W. S. Ballard.
Laurell Hill.—A. Wright, M. M. Leach, J M. Deaton.
Mt. Carmel.—John C. Morris, Wm. A. Morris, E. D. Cook.
Holly Mount.—Thomas Ussery, James Blake, David A. Thompson.

Revs. B. Saunders and J. Jordan were appointed tellers, and the Association balloted for Moderator and Clerk.

While the tellers were counting the votes an address of welcome was delivered by Rev. N. B. Cobb; and remarks on the early history of Forks of Little River Church, the oldest church in the Association, by Rev. David Wright of Montgomery.

The tellers reported Rev. W. M. Bostick, of Richmond, elected Modorator, and Collier Cobb, of Anson, Clerk.

An invitation to corresponding messengers and visiting brethren to take seats in the body and participate in its business was accepted by Bro. C. H. Spencer of the Chowan Association.

The committee on Order of Business reported as follows:

1st. Organization.
2d. Appointment of Committees, viz: 1. On Finance. 2. On Religious Exercises. 3. On State Missions. 4. On Education. 5. On Foreign Missions. 6. On Home and Indian Missions. 7. On Church Extension. 8. On Periodicals.
3rd. Reading of Circular Letter.
4th. Reports of Committees.
5th. Reports of Corresponding Messengers.
6th. Appoint Corresponding Messengers and Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.
7th. Settle Time and Place of next meeting.

The Chair announced the following committees in addition to those apppointed last year:

On Church Letters.—N. B. Cobb, J. Q. Mills. W. S. Ballard.
On Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Pee Dee Church.
On Home and Indian Missions.—James Jordan.
On Church Extension.—W. B. Morton.
On Finance.—James Jordan, J. L. McMillan, John B. Covington.

The Circular Letter was then read and adopted, after remarks by Revs. N. B. Cobb and D. Wright:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Messengers of the Churches of the Pee Dee Association assembled at Lilesville October 18–21, 1877, *to the Members of the several Churches composing said body:*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Instead of greeting you this year with an annual circular letter of our own, we have thought best to republish in these minutes an old document which was issued by our Baptist ancestors in 1791 as setting forth their views at that time on a subject which, we are sorry to believe, needs to be brought before you even at this late day. This same Association (the Kehukee) in the year 1788, at the Falls of Tar River gave the following in answer to a request that they "give their opinion what they believe the real work of a deacon is."

"Ans. That we think that there ought to be such officers in the Church as Deacons, and that their work is to serve tables. That is, the table of the Lord, the table of the minister, and the table of the poor. And for to see that the church makes proper provision for them."—See History of Kehukee Association by Burkett and Read, 1803, page 93.

"CIRCULAR LETTER.

"*The Messengers of the several Baptist Churches belonging to the United Baptist Association (formerly called the Kehukee Association,) met at the Flat Swamp Meeting-house, in Pitt county, North Carolina, October,* 1791: *To the several Churches in union with this Association, send Greeting:*

"DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN: Our divine Lord and Master, in the

course of an indulgent providence, hath favored us with another anniversary interview, by which we obtain knowledge of the circumstances of the churches that compose this Convention; and we also received agreeable information concerning the interest and growth of our adorable Redeemer's Kingdom in many other places. And it must give peculiar pleasure to every gracious soul to hear 'that He who sitteth between the cherubim has stretched forth His mighty arm, and is making a willing people in the day of his power.'

"And since Almighty God, in carrying on this glorious work, is pleased by *the foolishness of preaching* to save them that believe, it therefore becomes necessary that there should be a number of preachers or ministers of the gospel. And according to the direction of our last Association, we proceed in our circular letter, at this time, to make a few observations on the necessary support or maintenance of gospel ministers; although we are very sorry that there should be the least occasion to write or speak upon that subject.

"We apprehend that one principal reason why the churches have been so remiss in this duty is because the people have been for a number of years grievously oppressed by an ecclesiastical establishment* in raising money by taxation for the support of ministers of a contrary sentiment, many of whom they had reason to fear God never sent to preach, but only preached for hire and divined for money, and regarded the fleece more than the flock.

"To shun this extreme many zealous preachers who abhorred their works of darkness and deceit, being sensible that such men crept into the ministry for the sake of filthy lucre, have thought it their duty to bear public testimony against them. But not being careful to distinguish between *living of the gospel of Christ* and being *supported by the laws of men*, these zealots have injudiciously condemned the practice of receiving anything at all as a reward for ministerial labors, and so have fallen into an error on the other hand. It is therefore necessary that a just mediocrity be observed between the two extremes.

"To guard against the error on both hands, it is necessary, dear brethren, we should make the Holy Scriptures the rule of our faith and practice. That ministers have a divine right to maintenance from the people is evident:

"1. From the express declaration of Jesus Christ, Matt. x: 9-10: 'Provide neither gold nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey; neither two coats, neither shoes nor yet staves; for the workman is worthy of his meat, and the laborer of his hire.'—Luke x: 9.

"2. This *right* the Apostles published throughout the world: 1 Cor. ix: 14, 'Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel.' Gal. vi: 6, 'Let him that is taught in the word, communicate to him that teacheth in all good things.'

"3. This divine right of the minister's maintenance is manifested by the *law of nature:* Deut. xxv: 4. I Tim. v: 18, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn, and the laborer is worthy of his reward.'

"4. By the *law of nations:* 'Who goeth a warfare at any time at his own charges ?" I Cor. ix: 7.

"5. By the laws of farmers, graziers, vine-planters, reapers, threshers, &c.: I Cor ix: 7, 'Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof. Or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock ?' I Cor. ix: 10-11, 'For our sakes no doubt this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things ?'

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*We would not be understood to insinuate that those establishments do yet remain they have been wholly removed and finally abolished in this State, by the late mos glorious Revolution.

"6. By the *Levitical law:* I Cor. ix: 13, 'Do you not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the temple; and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar ?'

"Thus have we, dear brethren, clearly proven from express Scripture, that the ministers of the gospel are justly entitled to a comfortable maintenance from the people. The minister's support should be *sufficient* and *plentiful*, because they are enjoined *hospitality*. The matter of their maintenance is expressed in terms so general as to leave the people at liberty to pay them in *kind* or *value*, *all good things*. The manner of paying is *cheerfully* and not *grudgingly*. The contributors are 'all who are taught of the word.'

"The truth of these things, beloved brethren, we make no doubt you are convinced of, but the neglect of them is too glaring to us, yourselves and others. We cannot but feel exceedingly sorry on this account. The consequences arising therefrom are very pernicious. By this sad neglect the poor ministers of the gospel are necessarily obliged to follow their worldly avocations for the support of themselves and their families, which prevents them from reading the Holy Scriptures, meditating, preaching constantly, and giving themselves wholly to the work—which weakens their hands, dulls their ideas, cools their zeal, and of necessity they are not so profitable to the churches, nor to the cause of Christ in general. These things, in a measure, you must be sensible of. Much more might be said upon this subject, but the bounds of a circular letter will not admit of it.

"Thus have we, dear brethren, (pursuant to an ordinance of our last Association) endeavored to consider this important duty, and now permit us affectionately and solemnly to call upon you to consider our adorable Master's weighty and powerful expostulations. 'Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say ? Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. If ye love me keep my commandments. He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.'—Luke vi: 46. John xiv: 15; xv: 14. I John ii: 4, and iii: 18.

"Finally, brethren, those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen, DO; and the God of peace shall be with you.

Signed by order of the Association:

"NATHAN MAYO, Moderator.

"LEMUEL BURKITT, *Clerk*."

The Association then adjourned till Friday morning at 9½ o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 19th, 1877.

Association convened in prayer-meeting at 9½ o'clock.

Religious exercises, conducted by Rev. E. A. Hartsell, of Montgomery, for half an hour. Prayer by Rev. C. T. Bailey.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved, and the roll of delegates called.

Letters were handed in and delegates reported as follows :

Spring Hill Church.—A. J. Connally, Luther McMillan.
New Union.—J. W. Dunn.
Pleasant Grove.—Joseph Allen, T. A. Poplin.
Brown Creek.—W. D. Teal, E. W. Flake.

Invitations to seats in the body were accepted by Rev. C. T. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and Rev. G. W. Harmon, of Brown Creek Association.

The following report on Periodicals was submitted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Periodicals of a religious and literary character are the indispensable visitors of every intelligent and pious family. There is no family which can afford to do without a good newspaper, especially at the present time when the terrible crisis is upon us; and so vastly many bright youths in the country who are doomed to ignorance, if not vice, without some cheap means of education is afforded, which alone can come through home literature—cheap religious newspapers. Our recent observation has fully convinced us that without the people be immediately aroused to the importance of education we are doomed to heathenism. And a good denominational paper, such as the *Biblical Recorder*, is one of the first necessities of every family. Without it we do not know our surroundings; neither do we hear the cries of our Board of Education, nor of our Missionaries abroad.

Therefore, we do recommend, first, the *Biblical Recorder* as the best Baptist publication in the State. Next, we would recommend *Kind Words* as the best child's and Sunday School paper now in publication.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. WRIGHT.

Rev. C. T. Bailey being called out gave an account of the past history and present condition of the *Biblical Recorder*, and was invited to solicit subscribers for the same. Remarks were also submitted by Elders Harmon, Cobb and Saunders, after which the report was adopted.

The report on Church Extension was then read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

A great work has been done all over the State in the way of building and repairing churches, which is not noticed in the minutes of our Associations or Convention. In the bounds of our own Association within the last five years new houses of worship have been erected at Lilesville, Red Hill, Gum Spring and Mt. Gilead; a new house is now going up at Pleasant Grove, and great improvements have been made on the house at Cartledge's Creek, and perhaps at other places. The Baptists of the State are now seeking to build commodious houses of worship at the principal towns and villages of the State. A new brick house has recently gone up at Winston, another at Graham; and appeals are now being made to the denomination for funds to erect houses in Williamston, Rockingham, Statesville, Salisbury, Lincolnton, and other important centres of influence.

Let us not rest satisfied until a comfortable Baptist house of worship

shall have been erected at every county seat and important town in the State. The Church Extension Society at Wilmington should be patronized by the entire Baptist denomination in North Carolina.

W. B. MORTON.

The report on Education was then read, pending the consideration of which the Association adjourned, with prayer by Rev. G. W. Harmon.

Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. H. Griffith.

Rev. E. L. Davis, Corresponding Messenger of the Brown Creek Association, Rev. J. B. Richardson, Corresponding Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, and Rev. R. H. Griffith, D.D., Agent of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, accepted invitations to seats in the Association.

The report on Education was then discussed by Revs. Bailey, Richardson and Griffith, and a collection was taken up by Rev. N. B. Cobb for the Educational Board of the N. C. Baptist State Convention.

During the collection Bro. Griffith promised to pay a quarter for the privilege of preaching the following sermon, from the text: "Charity begins at home." 1st. It isn't true. 2nd. Its false. 3rd. The devil never told a bigger lie.

The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is a very comprehensive term. It has been defined as follows: "The bringing up, as of a child; instruction; formation of manners. Education comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understandlng, correct the temper, and form the manners and habits of youth, and fit them for usefulness in their future stations. To give children a good *education* in manners, arts and science, is important; to give them a religious *education* is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties."—*Webster.*

As the Association furnished no specific instructions relative to the preparing of the report, the writer will treat this very important subject in an *Intellectual, Moral, Religious and Theological* point of view.

1. An Education, purely intellectual, is the training of the understanding by competent instructors, beginning with the simplest rudiments of study, and progressing gradually through years of close application, first, in the Primary Schools, and then in Academies, Colleges, male and female, and then in the Universities—thus securing a knowledge of the English, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, German, and other languages. Also, by hard study, becoming acquainted with the uses of the lower and higher

Mathematics, and the Arts and Sciences, until finally the fortunate students take their stand where the proud Temple of Fame shines afar.

We would not be understood as meaning that it is within the range of possibilities for all the boys and girls of America, or of any other land, to pursue the extensive course of studies indicated above, but we must insist that as large a number of them as possible should avail themselves of the means of the highest culture, and then endeavor to feel the mighty obligation resting upon them to let their light shine to bless the world.

2. Moral Education is the scriptural and proper training of the moral faculties of the human mind, the teachings and discipline to begin at the parents' knees, followed up in Bible Sabbath Schools, in the house of God and enforced upon the conscience by repeated lessons upon the blessedness of the highest type of morality; and the awful penalties annexed to a violation of any of Jehovah's moral precepts.

"Thou shalt not kill." "Thou shalt not steal." "Thou shalt not bear false witness." These are some of the precepts engraven by the finger of the Almighty upon two tables of stone. In the book of Revelation, we read that "all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death." The following illustration has reference to one of the above precepts, and will apply with equal force to every command upon the two tables: A vessel had sailed from port a few days, when it was discovered that a little boy had been smuggled on board, either of his own accord or by some one else. When he was found he told the officers that his step-father brought him on board—hid him away in the hold, in order to convey him to America, where he had relatives. They believing him to be a liar and a very wicked boy, sternly told him that in ten minutes they would hang him until he was dead unless he told the truth. The officer took out his watch. Tick, tick, tick, went the time-piece. At the end of eight minutes, the officer said, only two minutes to live. Down went the boy upon his knees, saying, "Please let me say the Lord's prayer, *for I can die, but I cannot tell a lie.*" They then believed him to be a truthful boy, and he was a favorite the balance of the voyage.

3. A Religious Education consists in learning and understanding the unspeakably important lessons contained in that book of books, the Holy Bible. The following, among many other doctrines, are to be studied carefully, prayerfully and diligently by the young and the old, who would attain the possession of that high and holy knowledge, which maketh wise unto salvation: 1. The existence, character, perfections, and requirements of the Great Supreme and Eternal God. 2. The relation which the race of Adam sustain to their Creator, Preserver and final Judge. 3. The fallen, guilty, ruined, helpless condition of mankind. 4. The mission of mercy and love upon which Jesus came down into this world to make an atonement for sin, and open up the way to Heaven. 5. The absolute necessity of repentance toward God, and faith in Jesus Christ, in order to the attainment of eternal life. 6. The Divine agency and supernatural power of the Holy Spirit required to quicken those dead in trespasses and sins—to awaken those sleeping securely on the brink of ruin—to lead and draw the broken-hearted to the Lamb of God—to comfort and cheer the way-worn pilgrims on their journey to the celestial city. 7. Early and continued efforts to instill into the minds of all, young and old, that morality, formality, ritualism, and all external ceremonies, cannot be substitutes, instead of charity, which means the pardoning aud forgiving love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit

Mills, or some one else, said many years ago that ever since the devil shaved himself, put on his Sunday clothes, and joined the church, he has been using his super-human energies without resting or sleeping a moment day or night, and appearing unto men in the garb of an Angel of Light, and too successfully pursuading them to rely upon the various forms of

ritualism for the eternal salvation of their souls; *instead* of that *holiness*, without which no man can enter heaven.

In the days of Christ, the Pharisees could pray, (such praying as it was) —could eat the Lamb of the Passover—observe strictly all the rites and ceremonies of the *Levitical Law*—and yet the meek, merciful Son of God pronounced them to be a generation of vipers, and to be in imminent danger of eternal ruin. Ritualism, and all ceremonies, are external, and altogether different from the new birth, from the washing of regeneration, and from the mighty power and virtue of that fountain of blood, opened in the house of David, for sin and all uncleanness. When the root is good, and the tree itself is made good by the power of the Spirit and grace of God, then we may expect the fruit to be good, and manifesting itself by a consistent walk in all the ordinances and commands of Jesus. A clean heart and a right spirit created within, will be exhibited to the church, and to the world, by a godly walk and holy conversation as becometh the gospel.

4. Education in Theology. This kind of training and culture is usually obtained in Seminaries organized and furnished with all the necessary books, and competent Professors, able to teach others who desire to be as well prepared as possible for the arduous and awfully responsible work of the holy ministry.

On the part of the churches the greatest possible care should be used in licensing men to be ministers, and recommending them to Education Boards for aid in Theological studies. A number of the most weighty considerations go to show that an unconverted man, or a man truly regenerated, if he gives no evidences of *a Divine Call*, or if he is without the proper talents for engaging in the great work, should not be sent to Theological Institutions. A man who knows nothing *experimentally* of the new birth, though he might have the learning, talents and eloquence of a Cicero, should not be at all encouraged to become a herald of the cross. Such an one is spiritually dead and blind, and when the blind undertake to lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch.

When, however, a middle aged man or a young man experiences the pardoning and constraining power of the love of the crucified One, and feels in his soul, that a woe be unto him if he preach not the gospel—and the said man is without a proper knowledge of the language in which he is going to teach others—and, furthermore, that he is very deficient in understanding the Great Fundamental Doctrines of Christianity—such an one, if he has not means of his own, should be bountifully aided in going through a course of systematic studies, more or less extended as circumstances may allow.

"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God," Rom. i: 4. was a Baptist, for he repeatedly told the churches, Rom. vi: 4, and Col. ii: 12, that himself and others had been "buried with Him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so" that they "also should walk in newness of life." Paul was mighty in the Scriptures, a profound Professor of Theology, the equal, if not the superior, of the Professors of our day. Timothy was a much younger Professor than "*Paul the aged*," and his father in the gospel, charged him that he should put the younger "brethren in remembrance of these things," and if he should he would "be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine." The Apostles for three years sat at the feet of the "Great Teacher"—the younger ministers enjoyed the theological instructions of the Apostles—who charged them that they should "hold fast the form of sound words," which they had heard, "in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

Then, "educate, educate, educate," the masses, so as to be able to read

the Bible—those having means educate them in the high schools and colleges—and those who are to be ministers, educate them in all the theology of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MONROE.

Corresponding Messengers were then called upon to report.

Revs. D. Wright and Jas. Jordan had attended the Liberty Association and were cordially received.

Rev. N. B. Cobb, J. Luther and T. B. Henry had a good time at the Baptist State Convention.

The following Corresponding Messengers were then appointed:

To Sandy Creek Association.—W. B. Owen, Jas. Jordan.
Cape Fear.—J. J. McLendon.
Liberty.—D Wright, W. A. Morris.
Rocky River.—J. Q. Mills, C. C. Braswell, J. W. Littleton.
Brown Creek.—J. J. McLendon, N. B. Cobb, J. Q. Mills.
To Baptist State Convention.—G. O. Wilhoit, N. B. Cobb, J. J. McLendon, W. S. Ballard, S. T. Usher, B. Saunders, J. B. Covington, W. M. Bostick, (on motion).

The following committees were then appointed to report next year:

On State Missions.—Rev. Jas. Jordan.
Foreign Missions.—Rev. N. B. Cobb.
Church Extension.—J. J. Saunders.
Periodicals.—Rev. G. O. Wilhoit.

On motion, Rev. R. H. Griffith, D. D., was granted the privilege of addressing the meeting at half-past ten to-morrow morning.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. B. Richardson.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, October 20th, 1877.

Association met in prayer-meeting at 9½ o'clock.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. G. O. Wilhoit, of Anson county, for half an hour. Prayer by Rev. E. L. Davis.

Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, accepted the invitation to a seat in the Association.

On motion, Dr. Wingate wat requested to address the Association this afternoon.

Rev. R. H. Griffith, D. D., addressed the assembly in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, for the benefit of which a collection was taken up. Amount collected: Cash, $25.25; bonds, $120.00.

The report on Systematic Benevolence was read, as follows:

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

If the spread of the gospel is essential to the salvation of souls, we ought to send it to the ends of the world. But to do this requires men and means. And to supply this continual call we must have system. The Baptist denomination is well organized for work. It is our churches only that have no system, and are failing to do the work they are able to do. The churches failing to do their duty confuses our Boards;—we need regular contributions that our Boards may know how to employ Missionary labor. We recommend the following plan: For every church to appoint one or more Treasurers whose duty it shall be to receive contributions at every meeting of the church, for some of the objects of the Baptist State Convention, or other benevolent purpose, and forward the same as directed by the church; and that the Treasurer keep a record of the amount received of each member and report annually. And that he also report annually the names of delinquents that they may show cause for their delinquency.

Respectfully submitted, G. O. WILHOIT.

The subject was discussed by Revs. J. B. Richardson, N. B. Cobb, Dr. Wingate and C. T. Bailey. Report adopted.

Report on State Missions read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

There is, perhaps, no religious enterprise in which we are engaged more important than State Missions, and especially to us. There are a great many isms now in our State, derogatory to the gospel of Christ, many of which are hard to meet and successfully combat. Your committee was recently informed that an intelligent merchant in our State asked a minister, not in so many words, but meaning "What my family and I must do to be saved?" The reply was, "There is no hope except in the church and her ordinances." In many sections the masses believe that sincerity is the rule of action, and the principle on which we shall be finally judged. Then there are many sections destitute of the preaching of the Word. Many youths are growing up uninformed on religious principles—destitute of a knowledge of the plan of salvation.

We have now some seven Missionaries in the field. They are filling some twelve or fifteen stations. These brethren are, and have been, laboring with good success. Much has been done, and much more remains to be done in order to keep pace with this fast age, the increase of population and the many innovations and isms now extant. And further there is a a natural disposition, growing out of our depraved natures, to readily accept these soul-destroying errors. As good and moral citizens, as patriots, and *especially as christians*, we are bound to give them the gospel; and unfaithful will we be to our Lord and Master, if we neglect this imperative duty.

Respectfully submitted,

D. WRIGHT.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wingate.

Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. G. W. Harmon.

Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., President of Wake Forest College, represented the Board of Education. Rev. N. B. Cobb addressed the assembly on the same subject. After which $12.10 was contributed by the congregation for the beneficiaries at Wake Forest College.

Remarks on Education by Rev. J. B. Richardson.

Rev. R. H. Griffith, D. D., proposed to give one dollar for the privilege of making a speech. The proposition was accepted.

Report on State Missions adopted.

Report on Church Letters was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

All of the churches belonging to this Association, except Holly Mount, are represented by letter and delegates. All, except Dover, Bethel, Laurel Hill, Forks of Little River and Holly Mount, report Sunday Schools; and several report weekly prayer-meetings. Thirteen Sunday Schools are reported, but Spring Hill and Ebenezer do not send up their Sunday School statistics. The other 11 Sunday Schools, reported by 9 churches, contain 70 officers and teachers, and 486 pupils. Allowing the same average for the two schools whose statistics are not reported, and for one mission school in Anson, not reported, there are over 700 persons connected with the Baptist Sunday Schools of the Pee Dee Association.

The 17 Church Letters report 94 baptisms, and a membership of 1,409, which, added to the statistics of New Union for last year, give an aggregate white membership of 1,500 for the 18 churches.

The Church at Holly Mount are mourning over the death of their pastor, Rev. J. W. Dunn.

The Pee Dee Church at Lilesville sends up the following query:

"What should be done with a church member who neglects to contribute according to his ability to the support of the gospel at home and abroad?"

N. B. COBB, *Ch'm'n of Committee.*

Rev. J. J. McLendon was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon.

A motion was carried to refer the following query to five brethren of the different churches:

"What should be done with a church member who neglects to contribute according to his ability to the support of the gospel at home and abroad?"

The following resolution on Foreign Missions was read and adopted: (Report not handed in.—Printer.)

Report on Finance was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Foreign Missions, $32.89; State Missions, $16.21; Home and Indian Missions, $3.90: Sunday School Board, 25 cts.; Minute Fund, $28.60. Collection for Ministerial Education, $23.10.

JAMES JORDAN,
J. B. COVINGTON,
W. Q. MILLS,
Committee.

Agreed to hold the next meeting of the Association with the Mt. Gilead Church, Montgomery County, commencing on Thursday before the third Sunday in October, 1877, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Report on Home and Indian Missions read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention has two Mission Boards, the Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va.; and the Home and Indian Mission Board, located at Marion, Ala. The latter Board employs Missionaries in those Southern States and Territories which have no State Conventions, among the Chinese of California and among the Indians in the Indian Territory. Dr. H. F. Buckner, our Missionary to the Indians, informs us that there are now 32 native preachers and 32 Baptist churches among the Creek Nation, with a membership of over 2,000. It has been estimated that whilst the cost in dollars and cents to the United States Government is $100 for every Indian killed, the cost to our Home and Indian Mission Board has been only $1.00 to every Indian converted.

Your Committee would urge upon the churches of this Association the importance of sustaining a Board which has hitherto been entirely ignored by us.

JAMES JORDAN,
J. B. COVINGTON,
J. Q. MILLS,
Committee.

On motion, the Clerk was allowed $8.00 for transcribing and superintending the printing of the minutes.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the brethren and friends of Pee Dee Church and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during the session of the Association.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. C. M. Pepper, pastor, and the official members of the Methodist Church, for the use of their house of worship during the Association.

The Committee appointed to reply to the Query from Pee Dee Church, at Lilesville, reported as follows:

Answer.—A church member who neglects to contribute according to his

ability to the support of the gospel at home and abroad, should first be instructed from the scriptures, and then cited before the church. If, after proper instruction, he persist in his neglect of this plain duty, he should be excluded from the fellowship of the church.

The answer was unanimously adopted.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported

That the Rev. Edmund L. Davis would preach in the Baptist Church tonight;
Rev. W. M. Wingate, D.D., in the Baptist Church on Sunday, 11 o'clock;
Rev. R. H. Griffith, D. D., " " " " 2 "
Rev. C. T. Bailey in the Methodist Church on Sunday at 11 o'clock;
Rev. G. W. Harmon " " " " 2 "

There was preaching in the Baptist Church on Thursday night, by Rev. James Jordan, and on Friday night, by Rev. J. B. Richardson.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Mt. Gilead, in Montgomery county, on Thursday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1878.

Prayer by Rev. R. H. Griffith.

W. M. BOSTICK, MODERATOR.

COLLIER COBB, *Clerk.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1877.

At 9½ o'clock, a large congregation gathered in mass-meeting at the Baptist Church and listened to Sunday School addresses by Rev. C. T. Bailey, Dr. Wingate and Dr. Griffith.

At 11 o'clock, the Missionary Sermon at the Baptist Church was preached by Rev. W. M. Wingate, D. D., from Matt. 19: 29: "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundred fold, and shall inherit everlasting life." And at the Methodist Church by Rev. C. T. Bailey, from Rom. 8: 28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Collections for State and Foreign Missions, at the Baptist Church, $42.16; at the Methodist Church, $4.70; total, $46.86; making the entire cash collections during the session of the Association, with what was sent up by the churches,

$207.70; viz: for Education Board $28.10; for State Missions $65.08; for Indian Missions $4.00; for Foreign Missions $56.42; for S. S. Board 25c; for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary $25.25, and for Minute Fund $28.60. Pledges amounting to $7.00 were made to the Board of Education; pledges amounting to $15 were given to the State Mission Board; and bonds amounting to $120.00 were given to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Cash and pledges together $349.70.

In the afternoon, Rev. R. H. Griffith preached at the Baptist Church from Luke 22: 57. Subject—Peter's denial of his acquaintance with Jesus. Rev. G. W. Harmon preached at the same hour at the Methodist Church from I Cor. 1: 23-24.

The congregation on the Lord's Day was larger than both churches could hold, but unusually good order prevailed, and it is hoped that much good was accomplished by the preaching of the word and the able discussion of the several reports made during the session of the Association.

COLLIER COBB, *Clerk.*

STATISTICAL TABLE OF PEE DEE ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	When Organized.	COUNTIES	PASTOR.	CLERK & HIS P. O.	Sab. of Preach'g.	Additi'n. Baptisms.	Additi'n. Letter.	Additi'n. Restoration.	Dimin'tn Letter.	Dimin'tn Exclusion.	Dimin'tn Death.	White Males.	White Females.	Total Whites.	Colored.	Total Membership.
Forks of Little Riv.	1760	Montgom'ry,	J. W. Littleton .	J. S. McMillan, Troy,... ...	1	..	1	1	2	..	..	20	44	64	..	64
Pee Dee,.....	1785	Anson,.,....	N. B. Cobb,.....	J. J. Saunders, Lilesville,.....	2	10	6	2	1	3	..	48	76	124	2	126
Bethel, ...	1813	Montgom'ry,	G. O. Wilhoit,...	A. L. Ballard, Mt. Gilead,...	2	2	..	..	..	1	2	17	50	67	..	67
Spring Hill,.....	1818	Richmond,.	John Monroe,	....	1	13	1	..	..	..	..	...	...	85	...	85
Cartledge's Creek,.	1823	"	N. B. Cobb,. ..	T. J. Bostick, Rochingham,.	4	13	..	..	1	..	1	29	49	78	..	78
Saron,...	1826	"	W H H Lawhon,	A. C. Covington, Capel's Mills	3	..	2	..	..	1	3	20	59	79	..	79
Brown Creek,....	1828	Anson,.....	G. O. Wilhoit....	J. M. Flake, Wadesboro',....	4	9	2	2	3	...	..	21	42	63	..	63
*New Union,.....	1832	Montgom'ry,	... .	No Letter,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	*29	58	87	4	91
Dover,....	1833	Moore... ...	J. W. Littleton,.	A A Leach, Hunsucker's Store	3	..	..	2	3	3	1	28	77	105	9	114
Ebenezer,.	..	Stanley,.....	James Jordan,..	J. D. McLester,.....	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	56	74	130	7	137
Pleasant Grove,...	1843	Anson,.. ...	B. Saunders, ...	H. R. Allen, Beverly,.....	1	2	..	..	3	3	..	28	62	90	2	92
Gum Spring,.....	...	"	G. O. Wilhoit,...	P. Ratliff, Lilesville,.	1	4	..	..	8	2	1	37	68	105	1	106
Red Hill,..... ..	1860	"	" "	D. H. Braswell, Ansonville,..	3	17	..	1	1	.	..	50	57	107	..	107
Blackwood's Chap'l	....	Montgom'ry,	W. M. Bostick,..	J. Luther, Harrisville,... ...	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	16	31	47	..	47
Mt. Carmel,.... ..	1856	"	Jas. Jordan,. ..	H. Morris, Troy,.....	3	12	..	..	3	..	..	35	57	92	..	92
Laurel Hill,... ...	1849	"	W. M. Bostick,..	M M Leach, Hunsuckers Store	2	..	..	..	2	2	..	14	27	41	4	45
Holly Mount,.....	....	"	... .	Chas. Yarbrough, Pekin, ...	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	21	36	57	..	57
Mt. Gilead,.....	1875	"	W. M. Rostick,.	T. F. Haywood, Mt. Gilead,..	4	10	3	1	..	7	2	32	47	79	1	80
18 churches. Total	...	....	....	... .	..	94	16	10	28	27	12	501	914	1500	30	1530

*Last year's statistics.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOLS.	Officers and Teachers.	Av'rage Att'ndance	Scholars.	Av'rage Attendance	Conversions.	Volumes in Library.	Number of Kind Words taken.	No. Bap. Teachers taken.	Other papers.	Contributions. S. S. Board.	Contributions. Other Objects.	Contributions. Total.	No. of months School kept open.	SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS POST OFFICE.
Pee Dee	10	8	64	45	2	.....	24	6	20	$ 5 00	$15 44	$20 44	12	Rev. N. B. Cobb, Lilesville.
Mission School	5	5	25	20	....	....	....	....	....	1 46	....	1 46	4	W B. Morton, Lilesville.
Mission School	3	....	30	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	P. H. Seago, Lilesville.
Mt. Gilead	7	4	40	25	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	9	T. F. Haywood, Mt. Gilead.
Ebenezer	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	
Brown Creek	6	....	20	20	3	....	3	....	16	.....	3 50	3 50	5	E. W. Flake, Wadesboro'.
Saron	4	3	20	15	2	....	10	....	....	....	....	....	4	B. W. Covington, Rockingham.
Cartledge's Creek	7	7	62	40	6	60	18	10	....	25 00*	....	25 00	7	T. J. Bostick, Rockingham.
Red Hill	7	5	40	35	3	100	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	M. L. Staton, Ansonville.
Gum Spring	5	5	20	15	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1	R. S. Morton, Lilesville.
Pleasant Grove	10	5	60	40	2	....	15	....	....	....	....	....	....	H. R. Allen, Beverly.
Spring Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	No Statistics reported.
Blackwood's Chapel	4	....	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	
Total Reported	68	42	416	255	30	160	70	16	36	$31 46	$18 94	$50 40		

Rockingham, 5 Officers and Teachers; 91 Scholars. Laurinburg, ————.
Estimate for three other Schools, 15 Officers and Teachers; 120 Scholars.
*Collected by Little Leaders.

FINANCIAL TABLE, For the Year Ending October 21st, 1877.

CHURCHES.	White Membership.	Home and Indian Missions.	State Missions.	Education Board.	S. School Board.	Ch. Ex. Society.	W. F. College.	Theological Seminary.	Church Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Minute Fund.	Associational Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Other Objects.	Total Reported.
Forks of Little River.	64	...	$ ...	$ ...	$....	..	..	$.....	$.....	$ 75 00	$. ...	$...	$....	$.....	$ 75 00
Pee Dee,..... ...	124	...	‡19 00	.....	*21 04	..	..	...	203 00	250 00	2 00	....	17 93	.....	512 97
Bethel,.....	67	....	.....	.... .	.....	..	..	....	.....	... .	1 80	2 65	2 65	.... ..	7 10
Spring Hill,.	85	....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	20 00	.. ...	....	3 00	. .	33 00	.....	56 00
Cartledge's Creek,...	78	...	1 10	.....	... ..	..	..	.....	23 50	....	1 25	.....	6 00	.....	31 85
Saron,.....	79	...	2 00	.....	.....	..	..	.....	... ...	100 00	1 00	....	2 25	.....	105 25
Brown Creek,.....	63	....	.....	.....	6 75	..	..	....	8 25	100 00	2 50	2 70	13 50	6 70	140 40
New Union,..... ...	87	. ..	.....	.....	... ..	..	..	... ...	.. ..	... . . .	.....	....	.. ...	.....	. .. .
Dover,.....	105	. ....	50	.....	25	..	..	.....	50 00	125 00	1 85	...	5 80	. ..	183 40
Ebenezer,.....	130	....	.....	.....	... ..	..	..	.....	.....	100 00	2 00	...	5 50	.....	107 50
Pleasant Grove,.....	90	....	1 70	.. ..	.....	..	..	.....	300 00	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	301 70
Gum Spring,..... ..	105	....	3 00	.....	.....	..	..	.....	65 00	100 00	2 00	....	2 50	.....	172 50
Red Hill,.....	107	...	5 51	.....	. ....	..	..	.....	20 00	100 00	.....		8 45	5 00	138 96
Blackwood's Chapel,.	47	....	4 00	.....	.....	..	..	.....	.....	100 00	1 00	....	5 00	.....	110 00
Mt. Carmel,.....	92	....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	... ...	50 00	50 00	1 00	....	... ..	.....	101 00
Laurel Hill,.	41	....	5 00	.....	.....	..	..	.. ...	.. ...	75 00	1 00	....	... ..	.....	81 00
Holly Mount,.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	. .....	4 00	50 00	95	1 60	.....	.....	56 55
Mt. Gilead,.....	79	....	5 00	.....	... .	..	..	... .	....	125 00	2 00	....	6 99	.....	138 99
Coll. at Association,.	....	4 00	32 33	28 10	.....	..	..	145 25	.....	....	6 20	...	43 92	.....	259 80
Total,.....	1500	4 00	$79 14	$28 10	$28 04	..	..	$ 165 25	$ 723 75	$ 1,350 00	$29 55	6 95	153 49	$11 70	$ 2,579 97

*Collected by Little Leaders. ‡Paid in by members of the Association.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Twentieth Annual Session

OF THE

Cedar Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Spring Branch, Sampson Co., N. C.,

OCTOBER 18---21, 1877.

Rev. J. M. BEASLEY, Moderator, Faytteville, N. C.
FRANCIS M. WILLIS, Clerk, Tolarsville, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, October 18th, 1877.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. M. Beasley from Deut. 5th chapter, latter clause of 3d verse: "But to us, even us, who are all of us here, alive this day."

After an intermission of one hour, the congregation again assembled in the house, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Isham Royall, who proceeded to open the exercises by reading the 12th chap. Romans. The congregation joined in singing the 527th hymn: "What shall I render to my God." Prayer, Elder J. B. Hartwell leading.

The roll of Churches was now called and the following were absent: Cape Fear, Rocky Mount, New Hope, White Oak (S), and Smith's Creek.

There being a majority of the churches present the Association proceeded to business.

Appointed Brethren T. W. Devane and J. T. Alderman Reading Clerks.

Appointed Brethren W. H. Tomlinson and M. McK. Smith a committee on Finance.

The Church Letters were now called for and read, and the names of delegates enrolled as follows:

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Cape Fear.—M. Hair, A. L. Evans.
Cedar Creek.—I. C. Melvin, M. A. Sewell, D. L. Smith.
Concord (D).—W. B. Horne, J. T. Sterling.
Magnolia.—R. F. Strickland, L. Bryant.
Lebannon.—T. W. Devane, Eld. W. C. West, C. E. Beard.
Fayetteville.—W. H. Tomlinson.

Rockfish.—Jno. Musselwhite.
Beaver Creek.—M. Strickland.
Manchester.—Elder J. M. Beasley.
Lilly's Grove (D).—S. J. Guy.
Judson.—John Horne.
Antioch.—I. Strickland, H. L. Hall, S. Strickland.
Beaverdam.—M. Hall.
Mount Pisgah.—C. D. Burke, W. S. Fisher.
New Hope.—Not represented.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

Spring Branch (D.—Elder S. Williford, Jos. Haylor, W. H. Pope
Baptist Chapel (D).—Jno. Culbreth, S. C. Page, Jas. Jackson.
Mount Elam (D).—W. H. McLamb, T. M. Jackson, J. Strickland.
White Oak (D).—R. D. Butler, W. J. Faircloth, W. R. Royal.
Salem (D).—I. Royall, A. J. Cooper, S. A. Howard.
Pleasant Union.—L. Faircloth.
Pine Green (D).—J. A. Beaman, O. Tew, M. Tew.
Corinth.—Daniel Carter, R. A. Carter.
Smith's Chapel.—Not represented.
Mount Pleasant.—J. Horne, Wm. Peterson.
Long Branch (D).—H. I. Hall, L. W. Autry.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Cypress Creek.—M. McK. Smith.
Brier Branch.—D. S. Tatum.
White Oak.—Eld. W. S. Melvin, F. P. Register, J. M. Cain.
Shiloh.—H. Jones, W. J. Averitt.
White Lake.—G. F. Melvin, Robert Smith, F. M. Marshburne.
Bladen Union.—D. Register, F. M. Willis.

ROBESON COUNTY.

Green Spring.—J. G. Fisher, C. S. Cashwell, J. H. Cashwell.
Providence.—D. W. McGugan.
Great Marsh.—Elder E. D. Johnson, W. S. Johnson, A. Odum.
Saddle Tree.—R. B. Humphrey.

The terms of the present officers having expired, the Association went into an election for Moderator.

Appointed Brethren I. McGhee and I. C. Melvin tellers.

Bro. I. Royall, the present Moderator, having declined to

be re-elected, Elder J. M. Beasley was chosen Moderator for the ensuing term.

The Association next proceeded to the election of a Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Appointed Brethren H. L. Hall and C. S. Cashwell tellers.

Bro. D. W. McGugan was elected Clerk and Treasurer, but immediately tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Association, and F. M. Willis elected in his stead.

Extended an invitation to Corresponding and Visiting Brethren to take seats with us: Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Missionary, reported himself as a member of the Baptist Church at Tung Chow, China, and Agent for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; he was cordially received and welcomed to a seat. Also, Bro. L. T. West, Corresponding Messenger from the Little River Association.

Appointed the Pastor and Deacons of Spring Branch Church, with Bro. W. H. Tomlinson and Elder A. B. Alderman, a Committee on Religious Exercises during this session.

Appointed the male members of Spring Branch a Committee of Vigilance.

An opportunity was here given to churches who desired to unite with us, to present their letters. None offered.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following Committees, to report this session:

On Domestic Missions.—Brethren H. L. Hall and C. S. Cashwell.
On Periodicals.—Brethren M. McK. Smith and C. D. Burke.
On Foreign Missions.—Brethren D. W. McGugan and W. H. Tomlinson.
On Ministerial Support.—Brethren T. W. Devane and F. M. Willis.
On Sabbath Schools.—Brethren I. McGhee and J. T. Alderman.
On Ministerial Education.—Elder A. B. Alderman and Bro. I. Royal.
On Obituaries.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. F. M. Willis.
On Intemperance.—Elds. E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.

On motion, adjourned to to-morrow 10 o'clock. Benediction by the Moderator.

FRIDAY, October 19th.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read a part of the 15th chapter of John. The congregation joined in singing the 815th hymn: "How can I sink with such a prop." Prayer, Elder E. D. Johnson leading.

Churches absent on yesterday presented their letters, which were read, and the names of delegates enrolled.

Roll of delegates called.

Minutes of yesterday read—stood approved.

Bro. Royal read report of committee on Sabbath School Institutes. Remarks by Brethren Royal, Smith, West, Hartwell, W. S. Fisher, Tomlinson, J. G. Fisher, and the Moderator. The report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be appended to the minutes. (See appendix.)

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a Sunday School Board, consisting of one member from each church, and shall require said Board to hold its meetings in connection with the Executive Board of this Association.

The following churches petitioned for letters of dismission to assist in forming a new Association, to-wit: Concord, Lilly's Grove, Spring Branch, Baptist Chapel, Mount Elam, White Oak (S), Salem, Pine Green and Long Branch.

On motion, letters are granted to the churches so petitioning.

Appointed Executive Board for ensuing year. (See Appendix.)

On motion the chair appointed the following committees:

Auditing Committee.—Elders E. D. Johnson and I. McGhee.

To Appoint Corresponding Messengers.—Brethren D. W. McGugan and I. Royal.

To Appoint Delegates to the Baptist State Convention.—Elders E. D. Johnson, J. M. Beasley and W. S. Melvin.

Bro. Royal, from the Committee to Nominate Correspond-

ing Messengers to sister Associations, read the following appointments, which were approved by the Association:

To the Eastern.—Elders E. D. Johnson and I. McGhee.
To the Raleigh.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. W. H. Tomlinson.
To the Cape Fear.—Elders E. D. Johnson and W. S. Melvin.
To the Sandy Creek.—Elder J. M. Beasley and Bro. J. F. Marsh.
To the Little River.—Elders J. M. Beasley W. C. West and Bro. D. Kivett.

Corresponding Messengers, appointed at last session, called on to report:

Brethren Johnson, Melvin and Register reported that they had attended the last session of the Cape Fear and were cordially received.

Brethren Beasley and Alderman attended the Little River, were cordially received, and had a pleasant and profitable session.

Renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to take seats with us: Prof. L. R. Mills, of Wake Forest College, and Agent for the Board of Education, presented himself and was cordially welcomed to a seat.

The Association now took a recess of one hour.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business.

Renewed the invitation to Corresponding Messengers: Elder H. J. Duncan and Bro. G. W. Highsmith, Corresponding Messengers from the Eastern Association, were welcomed to seats.

The Association here gave way for a meeting of the Executive Board.

Resumed business.

Bro. Royal read report on Ministerial Education.

Pending a motion for its adoption, able and appropriate

remarks were made by Profs. Mills and Royal, at the conclusion of which pledges and cash collections were taken to the amount of $40.27. The report was adopted.

Bro. Smith read report of Finance Committee.

On motion, the same is received and ordered to be appended.

On motion, agreed that the report on Foreign Missions be made the Special Order for 11 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock Saturday morning.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY, October 20th.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator read 1st Psalm. Hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross." Prayer, Bro. I. McGhee leading.

Minutes of yesterday read and ratified.

Rules of Order read.

Roll of delegates called and corrected.

The Moderator, from committee to nominate delegates to Baptist State Convention, read the following appointments, which were ratified by the Association, to-wit:

Brethren D. W. McGugan, W. H. Tomlinson, L. W. Strickland, Elder J. M. Beasley, I. McGhee. Nathan J. McDuffie, E. D. Johnson, W. S. Melvin, J. G. Fisher and W. C. West.

Bro. Hall read report on Home Missions. Pending a motion for its adoption remarks were made by Brethren Royal, Dr. Hartwell, Prof. Mills and I. McGhee. The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the next session of this body be held with the church at White Lake, Bladen county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1878. Elder W. C. West to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. M. Beasley to preach the Charity Sermon on Sabbath.

Report on Periodicals read. Remarks by Brethren Royal, Tomlinson, Hartwell and Smith. Adopted.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. McGugan.

On motion, the Association repaired to the stand to further consider the subject.

After the congregation had gathered at the stand, Dr. Hartwell read the report again, and then proceeded to discuss the subject in an able, forcible and feeling manner. At the conclusion of his remarks, a collection was taken amounting to $25.08. After remarks by Bro. Royal, the report was adopted.

Recess of half an hour.

Afternoon Session.

Resumed business.

Bro. Johnson read report on Intemperance. Adopted.

Treasurer of Association reported. Report received.

Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board reported. Report received.

Report on Ministerial Support read.

Remarks by Prof. Mills and Elder A. B. Alderman.

Report adopted.

Report on Obituaries read. Received.

Agreed to allow the Clerk $25.00 for his services.

Ordered that we have as many Minutes printed as the funds in hand will justify.

Agreed that the collection on to-morrow be equally divided between the causes of Foreign Missions and Education.

Bro. J. T. Alderman read report on Sabbath Schools.

Remarks by Brethren Royal, Tomlinson and Elder A. B. Alderman. Adopted.

Report of Chairman of Executive Board read.

Remarks by Elder West. Adopted.

Resolved, That we tender our heartiest thanks to the brethren and sisters and friends of this community, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during this session.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of next session.

Prof. L. R. Mills closed the session in a few earnest and appropriate remarks.

Hymn: "Am I a soldier of the Cross." During the singing of which, the brethren bade each other an affectionate adieu. Prayer, Bro. Mills leading.

Benediction by the Moderator.

J. M. BEASLEY, Moderator.

Francis M. Willis, *Clerk.*

Sunday, October 21st, 1877.

A large congregation assembled at the stand at the hour appointed, and listened with marked attention to a most able and earnest sermon by Dr. Hartwell, from the text: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," Zech. 4th chap., 6th verse, latter clause.

At the conclusion of the services, a collection was made amounting to $9.75 for Foreign Missions and Education.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTES.

Your committee were prevented from holding a meeting in December by the inclemency of the weather, and did not organize as many Sunday School Institutes as they contemplated, but are glad to announce that several Institutes were held in different parts of the Association. We did not receive reports from all the conductors, but we are glad to be able to state that there is an increased interest in this department of christian work.

There is much yet remaining to be done. Let us continue our efforts until there is a Sabbath School in every church and neighborhood continuing all the year. All the churches in the Bladen Union report Sunday Schools, with an increased interest.

Respectfully Submitted,

ISHAM ROYAL, *Ch'm'n Committee.*

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the members of the Board were unable to meet on the last of December, 1876; yet some two or three of the members were present and authorized Elder W. C. West to occupy a station on the West side of Cape Fear river, known since as Cedar Falls.

The first regular meeting was held at Lebannon on the 28th April, 1877. Elder W. C. West was requested to visit Cedar Falls station, and Elder R. Newton to visit Dr. Leslie's (in Cumberland county on or near Little River) monthly.

Our next meeting was held with the church at Bladen Union, on the 28th July, 1877. The reports of the Missionaries at that time were not very encouraging, yet they were requested to continue in the field. Elder R. Newton declined to occupy the station he formerly occupied. Bro. Jos. G. Fisher was requested to visit Parker's School House in Robeson county, and Rockfish Church, monthly. The reports of the Missionaries are not without fruit. There was received for Baptism at Cedar Falls Station two, at Rockfish five.

The Missionaries have been in the employ of the Board thirty-seven days during the past year, as follows: Elder W. C. West seventeen days, Bro. Fisher sixteen days, Elder R. Newton four days

We have not as encouraging a report as we have presented to this body heretofore, yet we should not cease to labor in this cause, for there are many destitute sections on our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY, *Ch'm'n Ex. Board.*

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD FROM OCTOBER, 1877, TO OCTOBER, 1878.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,	J. F. Byrne.	White Lake,	G. W. Thomas.
Cedar Creek,	Alex. Thaggard.	Bladen Union,	D. Register.
Magnolia,	W. A. Melvin.	Green Spring,	M. Cashwell.
Lebannon,	W. A. Guy.	Mount Pisgah,	C. D. Burke.
Fayetteville,	W. H Tomlinson.	Pleasant Union,	J. Sessoms.
Rockfish,	Jno. Musselwhite.	Corinth,	D. Carter.
Beaver Creek,	M. Strickland.	Smith's Chapel,	W. R. Carter.
Rocky Mount,	Z. B. Newton.	Mount Pleasant,	J. Horne.
Manchester,	Z. T. Kivett.	Cypress Creek,	A. L. Smith.
Judson,	W. H. Melvin.	Brier Branch,	J. H. Tatum.
Antioch,	A. Bain.	Providence,	D. W. McGugan.
Beaverdam,	S. Vincent.	Great Marsh,	W. S. Johnson.
White Oak,	D. B. Melvin.	Saddle Tree,	L. Humphrey.
Shiloh,	W. H. Butler.	New Hope,	H. Wood.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee are glad to learn that there are about fifteen young men at Wake Forest College preparing for the ministry, about ten of whom are beneficiaries. These young men are striving to prepare themselves to more effectually preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The Board of Education is doing all that it can to aid them, and send them out as workmen well approved—but the Board can do but little without the co-operation of the churches. Shall we help them? or, shall we say to the Board, Send those young men home?

Your Committee considers this a subject of great importance, and one that demands our immediate attention.

We recommend that the Association adopt some plan not only to aid these brethren, but to open the way for others. We offer the following:

Resolved, That a collection be taken up now for this object, and that the pastors be requested to bring the subject before their churches during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. ALDERMAN,
I. ROYAL,
Committee.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago, the blessed Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That injunction has in part been fulfilled, and yet much remains to be done. Much has been done in the cause of Missions within our own bounds, and yet many are languishing for the "Word of Life." We, as an Association, should continue to cultivate the spirit of Missions, as exemplified in the word of the great head of the church—in the Apostles and enlightened christians of all ages—by earnest prayer, by cordial sympathy, and by voluntary contributions to the full extent of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. CASHWELL,
H. L. HALL,
Committee.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions, upon an investigation of the facts as to the apathy existing in the Association in regard to Foreign Missions, are profoundly mortified and humiliated before God. We are sure there has been a guilty neglect on the part of our churches to contribute and to pray for Foreign Missions, and on the part of the ministry to preach on the subject and teach the churches their duty. At our last Association we deliberately adopted a report in which we virtually resolved that our ministers should insist that it is incumbent upon the churches to contribute, and then give them frequent opportunities to give of their substance for this object. Brethren, how many of our ministers have fulfilled that solemn resolution which, passed as an act in the service of God, was of the nature of a solemn promise to Almighty God? And how many churches have responded to the call of their pastors for funds to support the gospel among the heathen? The letters sent up by the churches tell a sad story of our guilty failure. Out of thirty-seven churches, excepting the two recently visited by our Missionary, Dr. Hartwell, only seven churches have done anything at all, and the pastors of three of these are ministers from other Associations, while two of our ministers serve the other four. Thus, only two of our ministering brethren seem to have complied with the resolution! And more than three thousand of the membership of this Association have not given one cent to the work of sending the gospel to the heathen! Yet we call ourselves Missionary Baptists! Yet we profess to love the Lord Jesus, and to have consecrated ourselves wholly to his service. Whither has the spirit of the early churches fled? Has that spirit completely left us? Jesus left it as his last command to his people, that they should christianize the heathen; and it becomes us to either renounce

our allegiance to him, or to arouse ourselves to a new diligence in this service.

The Southern Baptist Convention, with which we are identified, has Missionaries in Foreign lands as follows:

Rev. M. T. Yates, D. D., Mrs. E. M. Yates and Rev. Wong Ping Sau, at Shanghai, China.

Rev. R. H. Graves, M. D., Mrs. J. W. Graves, Miss Lula Whilden and two ordained native preachers, at Canton, China.

Rev. T. P. Crawford, Mrs. M. F. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, and a native pastor, at Tung Chow, China.

Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, D. D., Mrs. G. B. Taylor, Rev. Signor Cordova and several ordained natives, at Rome and other cities of Italy.

Rev. —. David, at Ogbomashan, Africa.

Rev. —. Colley, at Lagos, Africa.

Now in this country, but belonging in China: Rev. E. G. and Mrs. Simmons, Kossuth, Miss.; Rev. M. B. and Mrs. Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., and wife, Thomasville, N. C.; Misses L. & E. Moon, Carter's Bridge, Va.

These brethren and sisters we have sent to foreign lands, and we have pledged them that we will extend to them our sympathy and our support. Brethren, let us be true to our brethren and sisters who have buried themselves in the darkness of heathen lands. To effect this, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved 1, That this Association recognizes the duty of every christian to give systematically for the extension of the gospel among the heathen, and that we urge every church in our bounds to appoint a committee of earnest brethren and sisters, whose duty it shall be to call upon every member of the church and earnestly endeavor to induce each one to give at least a small amount regularly to this object.

Resolved 2, That this Association appoint one member in each church to represent her in the matter, and to bring the matter before the next church conference, and that the church be requested to report in their letters next year the degree of success attained.

Resolved 3, That we again plead with our ministers to preach and pray on the subject, and teach the people fully their duty in this regard.

Resolved 4, That we will endeavor to extend the circulation of the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, that our people may keep themselved informed as to the operations of our Missionaries.

D. W. McGUGAN,
W. H. TOMLINSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Your Committee on Ministerial Support beg leave to submit, that while we believe that there is a desire on the part of some of our churches to give their pastors a better support than they have formerly done, yet we

feel that nearly or quite all of our churches are sadly remiss in this important and plainly Bible-enjoined duty. Few, if any, of our ministers are receiving what can be regarded as an adequate support, or what the churches might reasonably be expected to pay them. Brethren, this should not be so. Pay your pastors *more*, and enable them to give more time to their calling. *We* are as plainly required to give them a necessary support from the means with which God blesses us, as *they* are to preach for us.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. DEVANE,
F. M. WILLIS,
Committee.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

The report on this subject last year speaks of there being, for the last four years, about one death to every church, and one death to every one one hundred members. Our membership has been increasing each succeeding year; the deaths among us, however, seem not to increase. For the last five years the number of deaths among us have ranged from thirty-three to thirty-five. Thirty-five have died this year. None of our active male or female members have died this year. We have great cause for thankfulness to God in this particular. Nearly four thousand members, and only about thirty-five deaths the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. BEASLEY,
F. M. WILLIS.

REPORT ON INTEMPERANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following:

We believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils that we have to contend with in the churches, and we think that the Bible teaches us to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, for we are required to abstain from every appearance of evil. And again, we are to "let our light so shine before men, that they, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven." And brethren, we ought to deny ourselves of all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and live soberly and godly in this world.

Now, brethren, let us as christians set an example before the world, that they may be lead to Christ by our good works.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON.
W. S. MELVIN,
Committee.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The noble work commenced by the Little Leader system is swelling its sway far beyond the most sanguine expectations of its authors. Remembering that it originated in the brain of a student, while poring over his books within the time-honored walls of Wake Forest College at the dead hour of midnight, and started in weakness, we would naturally expect it dwindle away and perish. But seeing what it has accomplished we are constrained to believe that "a little child shall lead them." One Sunday School in our midst raised in one month eight dollars, another sixteen—and they were at churches that had formerly given but little or nothing for benevolent objects. The Sunday School should be taught to be a Missionary School. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The destiny of a child depends on the training and example of its parents or teachers. Feed his lambs carefully.

Respectfully,

J. T. ALDERMAN,
I. McGHEE,
Committee.

MEMBERS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.	CHURCHES.	MEMBERS.
Cape Fear,.....	Jas. Marsh.	Corinth, ...	D. Carter.
Cedar Creek,. ...	F. S. Averitt;	Mount Pleasant,..	Jno. Horne.
Magnolia,.....	R. F. Strickland.	Smith's Chapel,..	S. Carter.
Lebannon,.....	W. A. Guy.	Cypress Creek,...	A. S. Smith.
Fayetteville,.....	W. H. Tomlinson.	Brier Branch,...	J. H. Tatum.
Rockfish,.....	J. Musselwhite.	White Oak, (B.)..	D. M. Melvin.
Beaver Creek,...	M. Strickland.	Shiloh,.....	W. H. Butler.
Rocky Mount,....	J. Newton.	White Lake,.....	G. W. Thomas.
Manchester,.....	Z. T. Kivett.	Bladen Union,...	D. Register.
Judson,.....	W. H. Melvin.	Green Spring,....	M. Cashwell.
Antioch,.....	A. Bain.	Providence,.....	D. W. McGugan.
Beaverdam,.....	S. Vincent.	Great Marsh,.....	W. S. Johnson.
Mount Pisgah,...	C. D. Burke.	Saddle Tree,.....	L. Humphrey.
Pleasant Union,..	J. Sessoms.	New Hope,.....	H. Wood.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We deem it unnecessary to say anything about encouraging our christian brethren to take a good religious newspaper. The follower of Christ is, we think, entirely out of his duty to household who does not give them

the advantages of this agency for good. and we cannot see how he can discharge his duty as a follower of Jesus or serve God as he should without the religious newspaper. He should labor and pray for the coming of the glorious Kingdom of Christ throughout the world, but we believe he can do neither as he should do it, without knowing what the God of Heaven is doing in the earth, and this he can learn from the religious newspaper at less expense and in a more comprehensible form than from any other source.

We recommend the *Biblical Recorder*, published at Raleigh, N. C., as a faithful exponent of our principles. The Editor, Rev. C. T. Bailey, is an independent thinker, and a man of excellent talent and undisputed christianity. We also recommend for our Sunday Schools, *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga.; and the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond, Va., monthly. From this *Journal* we have all the news of interest from our foreign fields, letters from our Missionaries, &c. No true *Missionary Baptist* can afford to be without it.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. BURKE,
M. McK. SMITH,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1876		DR.		
		To amount received from Finance Committee at Mt. Pisgah:		
Oct.	14	For Foreign Missions,.....		$ 31 50
		For Home Missions,.....		25 08
		For Education,.....		5 00
		For Minute Fund,.....		70 10
		For collection on Sabbath,.....		12 29
				$ 143 97
1876		CR.		
Oct.	14	Paid over to Eld. Huf ham for Foreign Missions,	$ 31 50	
		Paid over to Eld. Huf ham for State Missions,..	12 29	
		Paid over to D. W. McGugan for Home Missions	25 08	
		Paid over to Prof. Mills for Education,.....	5 00	
		Paid for Printing Minutes.....	50 00	
		Paid Express charges on same,.....	50	
		Paid Clerk's salary,.....	15 00	
		Balance on hand, Oct. 1st, 1877,.....	4 60	
				$ 143 97

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WILLIS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER HOME MISSION BOARD.

1876–'77.		Dr.		
Oct'b'r 1		Balance in hand,		$ 13 81
14		Received of Treasurer of Association,		28 59
April 28		White Oak (S) church,		5 60
	Meeting of Board at Lebannon.	Salem church,		3 25
		Spring Branch church,		1 00
		Cape Fear church		1 35
		Mount Pisgah church,		1 00
		Baptist Chapel church,		1 75
		Mount Elam church,		2 25
July 28	Meeting of Board at Bladen Union.	Salem church,		1 15
		Manchester church,		1 00
		Bladen Union church,		2 00
		Lebannon church,		2 50
		Spring Branch church,		3 50
		Rocky Mount church,		1 00
		Cape Fear church,		1 00
		Sabbath Collection at Bladen Union,		4 70
Oct. 19		Bladen Union church,		3 00
		Antioch church,		1 00
		C. D. Burke,		1 00
		Mount Pisgah church,		1 00
		Rockfish, per J. G. Fisher,		2 25
		Brier Branch church,		3 00
		Rockfish church, per J. Musselwhite,		1 00
		Great Marsh church,		6 15
		Troy Fisher		5 00
		J. G. Fisher,		5 00
				$ 103 85
1876–'77		Cr.		
October.		Paid to Eld. W. C. West,	$ 9 50	
		Paid to Eld. West, at Bladen Union,	8 00	
		Paid to Elder R. Newton, at Bladen Union,	8 00	
		Paid to Elder West, at Association,	15 50	
		Paid to J. G. Fisher,	27 00	
		To balance on hand, October 1877,	35 85	
				$ 103 85

D. W. McGUGAN, *Treas. D. M. Board.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee have examined the Reports of the Finance Committee, of the Treasurer of the Association, and of the Treasurer of the Domestic Mission Board, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. JOHNSON,
I. McGHEE,
Committee.

PASTORS AND CLERKS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST-OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE
Cape Fear,	D. K. Bennett,	Lumberton.	A. L. Evans,	Fayetteville.
Cedar Creek,	W. S. Melvin,	Harrison Creek.	F. S. Averitt,	Cedar Creek.
Magnolia,	S. Williford.	Giles' Mills.	J. H. Averitt,	
Lebannon.	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	Chas. T. Guy,	Fayetteville.
Fayetteville,	F. W. Eason,	" "	I. Hollingsworth,	" "
Rockfish,			J. Musselwhite,	Hope Mills.
Beaver Creek,	W. C. West,		Mat. Morgan,	" "
Rocky Mount,	R. Newton,		D. N. Newton,	
Manchester,	J. M. Beasley,	Fayetteville,	D. Kivett,	Manchester.
Judson,			L. D. Sessoms,	
Antioch,	S. Williford,	Giles' Mills,	I. Strickland,	Kyles' Landing.
Beaverdam,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	I. Melvin,	Clay Fork.
White Oak,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	D. B. Melvin,	White Oak.
Shiloh.	F. Prevatt,	Lumberton.	W. B. Baker,	Willis' Creek.
White Lake,	C. C. Newton,	Herringsville,	W. H. Russ,	Little Sugarloaf.
Bladen Union,	D. K. Bennett,	Lumberton.	F. M. Willis,	Tolarsville.
Green Spring,	E. D. Johnson,	"	M. Cashwell,	Roslin.
Mount Pisgah,	J. M. Beasley.	Fayetteville,	W. S. Fisher,	Fayetteville.
Pleasant Union,	E. D. Johnson.	Lumberton.	Jno. Fisher,	
Corinth,	L. Bryan,	Cypress Creek,	J. O. Carter,	Warrensville.
Smith's Chapel,				
Mount Pleasant,	W. S. Melvin,	White Oak,	John Horne,	Clay Fork.
Cypress Creek.			M. McK. Smith.	
Brier Branch,	W. S. Melvin.	White Oak,		
Providence,	John Monroe.	Laurel Hill,	D. W. McGugan,	Dundarrack.
Great Marsh,	E. D. Johnson,	St. Paul's,	A. Odum,	St. Paul's.
Saddle Tree,	" "	"	S. R. Davis.	Lumberton.
New Hope,				

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	No. of Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	Total.	Volumes in Library.	No. of Papers.
Cape Fear,	Jas. Marsh,	8	40	48	100	....
Cedar Creek,	F. S. Averitt	5	64	69	....	....
Magnolia,	B. F. Strickland,	5	42	47	25	10
Fayetteville	W. H. Tomlinson,	23	102	125	250	...
Lebannon,	R. J. Harrison,	8	52	60	66	...
Manchester,	Z T. Kivett	5	62	67	180	....
Lilly's Grove,	E S. Herring,	4	62	66	....	...
Beaverdam	M. H. Bullard,	2	25	27	100	....
Mount Pisgah,	Theo. Evans,	8	55	63	200	20*
Baptist Chapel,	Jno. Culbreth,	5	57	62	.....	...
Spring Branch	J. C. Williford,	7	52	59	. .	....
Mount Elam,	W. H. McLamb,	4	50	54	..	...
Salem,	...	8	109	117	75	...
Mount Pleasant,	Jos. Rogers,	3	30	33	...	...
Long Branch,	J. W. Autry,	5	...	....	....	...
Pleasant Union,	J. A. R. Howard,	6	44	50	....	....

None other reported.
*Kind Words.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	FINANCIAL STATEMENT.				CHURCH STATISTICS.						AGGREGATE			TIME OF MEETING.
	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total	
Cape Fear,	$ 1 00	$ 85	$ 1 60	$.....	...	1	....	1	2	1	31	75	105	3d Sabbath & day before
Cedar Creek,	2 50	.....	.....	.....	23	3	7	5	5	2	72	145	217	1st " " "
Concord, (D)	2 00	.....	.....	....	12	..	6	4	6	1	36	85	121	
Magnolia	1 65	.....	.....	...	....	....	1	....	1	1	21	52	73	
Fayetteville,	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	....	...	1	7	1	3	..	...	257	
Lebannon,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6	6	1	1	....	1	35	47	82	2d Sabbath & day before.
Rockfish,	30	.....	.....	.....	5	....	....	....	2	....	7	33	40	
Beaver Creek,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	2	3	3	10	38	48	4th Sabbath & day before.
Manchester,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	...	..	.....	.....	. .	1	23	51	74	1st " " "
Lilly's Grove, (D)	1 50	.....	.....	.....	2	3	...	1	2	1	20	24	44	3d " " "
Judson,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	1	2	.. .	34	44	78	
Antioch,	1 50	2 02	.....	.....	20	...	1	1	2	2	...	....	118	
Beaverdam,	1 15	.....	.....	.....	2	2	3	5	5	1	25	69	94	4th Sabbath & day before.
Mount Pisgah,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	8	1	.....	....	.. .	...	35	39	74	4th " " "
Spring Branch, (D)	3 25	.....	.....	.....	...	1	....	2	4	1	61	118	179	1st " " "
Baptist Chapel, (D)	*2 00	.....	.....	.....	12	....	2	1	1	3	69	111	180	2d " " "
Mount Elam, (D)	1 00	.....	.....	.....	7	2	1	1	2	..	34	43	77	
Salem, (D)	2 00	.....	.....	.....	4	....	....	2	1	. ..	66	107	173	3d Sabbath & day before.
Mount Pleasant,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1	7	...	....	2	...	23	34	57	2d " " "
Long Branch. (D)	1 50	.....	.....	.....	26	5	....	...	....	. ..	44	43	87	2d " " "
Cypress Creek,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	18	....	2	4	...	1	33	50	83	2d " " "
Brier Branch,	2 20	2 00	.....	.....	7	....	2	1	4	3	41	80	121	3d " " "

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND OTHER STATISTICS.—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	FINANCIAL STATEMENT.				CHURCH STATISTICS.						AGGREGATE			TIME OF MEETING.
	Minute Fund.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
White Oak, (B.).....	$ 2 00	$ 4 25	$ 1 00	$.....	7	....	....	2	.....	1	53	87	140	4th Sabbath & day before.
Shiloh,.....	1 50	7 35	6 00	.....	..	2	1	....	2	1	24	45	69	2d " " "
White Lake,.....	2 10	1 10	1 15	.....	17	1	2	...	2	...	44	89	133	1st " " "
Bladen Union,.....	1 50	1 75	1 75	.....	.....	3	5	...	1	1	25	62	87	4th " " "
Green Spring,... .	2 50	3 10	3 10	... ..	1	1	...	3	3	1	41	70	111	
Providence,... . ..	2 90	4 50	12 40	.....	...	....	...	2	2	3	24	39	63	2d Sabbath.
Great Marsh,.....	2 00	.....	4 10	.....	9	3	3	....	1	2	51	57	108	3d Sabbath & day before.
Saddle Tree, ...	2 00	9 20	.....	.....	8	1	4	3	....	1	48	61	109	3d " " "
Rocky Mount,... ...	70	... .	7 00	1 00	3	...	....	3	...	....	..	....	28	4th " " "
Pine Green, (D).. ...	1 75	.....	. .....	.....	5	1	4	10	12	2	....	....	142	4th " " "
Corinth,....	1 00	.....	. ....	.....	....	....	....	...	....	...	11	28	39	1st " " "
Pleasant Union,.....	1 00	.. ...	... ...	.....	..	....	....	.....	2	....	....	....	132	4th " " "
White Oak. (D)....	2 00	.....	. ....	.. ..	....	....	. .	.. .	1	.	40	74	114	1st " " "
	$ 63 30	$ 39 12	$ 40 00	$ 6 00	203	12	46	23	71	37			3657	

(D) Churches marked thus were dismissed by letter at this session to form a new Association.

* Baptist Chapel Church and congregation raised in cash $17.65, and about 17.00 in pledges, to be paid to Bro. Dodson for Home and Indian Missions. Also the Little Leaders raised $20.00, which they will dispose of. Other churches also raised more than amounts reported in the table, but did not report the amounts to the Secretary.

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MINUTES

OF THE

118th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Sandy Creek Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

FALL CREEK, CHATHAM CO., N. C.,

OCTOBER 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, 1877.

RALEIGH:
EDWARDS, BROUGHTON & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS,
NOVEMBER, 1877.

Ordained Ministers of the Association.

Enoch Crutchfield,	Franklinsville,	North	Carolina.
S. Gilmore,	Bear Creek,	"	"
D. C. Murchison,	Egypt Depot,	"	"
D. Hackney,	St. Lawrence,	"	"
T. M. Baldwin,	Franklinsville,	"	"
J. L. Smith,	St. Lawrence,	"	"
W. H. H. Lawhon,	Carthage,	"	"
W. G. King,	Osgood,	"	"
J. M. Pugh,	Franklinsville,	"	"
Jno. W. Calder,	Harper's X Roads,	"	"

Licentiates.

S. Womble,	Bear Creek,	North	Carolina.
M. P. Beck,	Troy's Store,	"	"
Manly Forrester,	Brush Creek,	"	"
O. T. Edwards,	Louisville,	Kentucky.	

PROCEEDINGS.

FALL CREEK CHURCH, Chatham Co., N. C.,
FRIDAY, October 5th, 1877.

The Sandy Creek Baptist Association met with the church at this place.

Elder D. Hackney preached the Introductory Sermon from Numbers 14 : 8.

After recess the Association came together, and was opened by the former Moderator, Elder S. Gilmore, with singing and prayer.

Dr. W. D. Watson was appointed Clerk, *pro tem.*

The list of Churches was then called and the Messengers enrolled :

Brush Creek.—Jas. Gilbert, A. R. Ellis, E. M. Edwards.
Bear Creek.—Elders S. Gilmore, J. W. Calder, Bro. N. F. Phillips.
Bethlehem.—E. P. Sewell, J. B. Sullivan, Joseph F. Moore.
Bethany—R. L. Jenkins, N. W. Dixon, Jno. T. Wilkie.
Cedar Falls—C. C. Sinclair, J. J. Hurley, H. C. Crowder.
Columbia—Elder T. M. Baldwin,* E. L. York,* J. J. Crutchfield.*
Cool Spring—W. B. Petty, D. O. Bryan, Thomas Gross.
Carthage—Elder W. H. H. Lawhon, Jno. Dowd,* C. E. Jones.*
Crane's Creek—W. T. Tyson.
Deep Creek—
Emmaus—P. Ellington, J. D. Hackney, W. G. Cheek.*
Fall Creek—Eli Lambert, Seburn Jones, J. L. Purvis.
Friendship—J. R. McLemore, E. Q. Lewell, B. P. Phillips.*
Fork Creek—Haman Miller,* D. W. Leach,* Dr. S. E. Teague.
Gum Spring—R. S. Andrews, W. J. Lassiter,* G. W. Harman.*
Love's Creek—Elder D. Hackney, J. Q. Smith, A. Headen.
May's Chapel—J. Tysor, J. H. Burke, Ruffin Jones.
Mineral Spring—E. H. Wrenn, C. C. Cheek, J. A. Crutchfield.
Moon's Chapel—Dr. G. C. Underwood, T. A. Barker, T. C. Mathews.
Mt. Zion—Dr. A. J. Patterson, J. A. J. Patterson, Geo. Patterson.
Mt. Olive—R. F. Andrews,* W. M. Ellington, W. G. Moore.
Mt. Pleasant—P. P. Freeman, S. S. Siler, M. C. Olive.*
Mechanic's Hill—
Osgood—Elder W. G. King, J. G. Burt, H. Howard.*
Rive's Chapel—W. C. Burke, A. S. Dowd, N. B. Dunlap.
Rock Spring—W. F. Foushee, J. E. Eubank, R. Riddle.
Rocky River—Elder J. L. Smith, W. W. Edwards, R. P. Siler.
Sandy Creek—M. D. Kivett,* S. Staley, E. P. Williams.
Sandy Branch—S. G. Norwood, T. B. Burke, A. G. Phillips.

*Absent.

A majority of the churches being represented, the Association proceeded to elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Elder S. Gilmore was elected Moderator; J. W. Calder, Clerk; and R. S. Andrews, Treasurer.

Elder G. P. Moore, Corresponding Messenger from Mt. Zion Association, welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion, the following Committees were appointed:

On Unfinished History of the Association—Dr. A. J. Patterson, Elder W. H. H. Lawhon, C. C. Cheek.

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this Fall Creek church.

On Church Letters—Geo. Patterson, R. L. Jenkins, P. Ellington.

On Order of Business for the Association—Elders W. G. King, D. Hackney and Bro. A. S Dowd.

On the Death of Elder Wm. Lineberry.—Elders W. H. H. Lawhon, D. Hackney, Bro. J. Tysor.

On Death of Brethren W. D. Dowd and E. H. Straughn—Elders G. P. Moore, J. W. Calder, Dr W. T. Watson.

Auditing Committee—Geo. Patterson, J. Tysor.

On Sabbath Schools—A. G. Phillips, J. F. Moore, N. F. Phillips.

Ministers of this Association, who are not delegates, invited to seats and to participate with us: Elder E. Crutchfield accepts the invitation.

Committees appointed at last Association called on to report.

Report on Temperance read by Elder J. L. Smith, and after very pointed remarks by Elders Crutchfield, King, Smith, Pugh, Hackney and Lawhon, and Brethren J. D. Hackney and J. F. Moore, was adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee look upon intemperance as one of the most alarming evils where it exists in the church. Their opinion is that no member should, with impunity, make or sell ardent spirits, intoxicating liquors, for profit, or drink as a beverage himself, or place it before his family for that purpose. They therefore recommend that the churches inform themselves as to the scriptural teachings upon the subject of temperance and act accordingly. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. SMITH.

The editor of the *Recorder*, Rev. C. T. Bailey, came among us again in a very happy announcement of his pleasure, and business in the interest of the *Recorder*, and other objects, and was very welcome.

A Committee on Periodicals appointed: Rev. C. T. Bailey, Elder J. M. Pugh and D. O. Bryan.

Association adjourned untii to-morrow morning 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. C. T. Bailey.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 6th, 1877.

Association met according to adjournment.

Religious exercises by Elder G. P. Moore.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

Report on Order of Business read and adopted.

Committees on Elder Wm. Lineberry, and Brethren W. D. Dowd and E. H. Straughn, appointed yesterday, granted time until next session to report.

Committee on Tombstone of Elder Shubal Stearns read and adopted:

REPORT ON TOMB-STONES OF REV. S. STEARNS.

We, your Committee on the Tombstones of Brother S. Stearnes, beg leave to report that we have purchased and erected the same at a cost of $15, leaving an amount on hand of $1.20, which we forward to the Association for your disposal.

Respectfully submitted.

M. P. BECK,
GEORGE PATTERSON,
M. D. KIVETT,
Committee.

Report on Periodicals read by Rev. C. T. Bailey, and after delightful remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, G. P. Moore, E. Crutchfield and J. L. Smith, and Brethren J. D. Hackney and others, was adopted:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals are glad to present to the Association the gratifying fact that the churches throughout the State are awakening to the importance of a more general circulation of religious literature, and that there are more religious tracts and denominational papers read by the members of our churches than at any previous period of our history. We also believe that the time is near at hand when the pastors and deacons of the churches will realize the importance of the circulation of good, sound religious literature in all the families of our people.

The *Biblical Recorder* for forty-one years has regularly gone over the State with its messages of truth. It has remained true under all the changes that have come over our country, and to-day gives forth no uncertain sound. We are pleased to state that a larger number of our pastors and people are reading its pages than usual, its circulation is steadily increasing, and we hope to see the day when it shall find a welcome to every Baptist home. We would therefore urge the pastors and deacons, as well as the intelligent laymen of the churches in the Association, to make an effort to extend its circulation in every church and community within our borders.

J. M. PUGH,
D. O. BRYAN,
C. T. BAILEY,
Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions read by E. H. McManus, and

after very affecting remarks by Elders C. T. Bailey, D. Hackney, W. H. H. Lawhon, J. L. Smith, the Moderator, and Brethren J. Tysor, J. D. Hackney, W. W. Edwards and P. P. Freeman, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions believe the subject of Foreign Missions to be a subject deserving the serious consideration of every lover of Christ. Therefore, while it is enjoined to pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the vineyard, we think it is equally enjoined upon every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ to contribute of his means as the Lord has prospered him to the support of those laborers and for the spread of the gospel throughout the whole world. All of which is respectfully submitted. E. H. McMANUS.

Adjourned for 45 minutes.

SATURDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

Brethren W. B. Owen and Neill Freeman accepted seats as Corresponding Messengers from Pee Dee Association.

Report on Home Missions read by Dr. W. D. Watson; remarks by Dr. Watson and J. D. Hackney, and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that great destitution exists within the bounds of this Association, and would urge the churches to increase their contributions to this special work, and "pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

Respectfully submitted. W. D. WATSON,
J. TYSOR.

Report on Education read by Dr. G. C. Underwood, and after an interesting and able speech by Rev. C. T. Bailey, it was adopted:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education is the cultivation of our faculties, the development of our talents and the enlargement of our capacities for good or evil. From these premises we conclude necessarily that education is power, and power may be a bad as well as a good thing; hence the general truth that the heart the affections, the moral part be trained as well as the intellectual. The training of the two should go hand in hand. Our Creator has endowed us with these properties, and expects us to improve them; therefore it is our duty so to do, and we will be found wanting if we fail. It is just as much our duty to supply ourselves and those dependent upon us with appropri-

ate food for the heart and the mind, as it is to furnish the necessaries for the body. This education begins at the cradle and continues to the grave. The latter fact reminds us of the importance that the mothers in the land be well trained, thoroughly cultured, for the first principles are instilled into the minds of the children by them. How essential that there be good, christian mothers! Home is the first and permanent nursery for the training of us all. The schools come in next, and then the busy world by whom we are surrounded and with whom we come in contact. All these considerations remind us what we should be as children, as parents, as teachers, and as citizens of a common country. We should think of our responsibility and the duties incumbent upon us.

Respectfully submitted. G. C. UNDERWOOD,
Chairman.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention reported their attendance to be very pleasant: Bro. J. Tysor.

Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations reported their attendance to be pleasant and their receptions to be warm and brotherly: Elders E. Crutchfield, W. H. H. Lawhon, and Brethren Geo. Patterson, J. Tysor, J. F. Moore and R. S. Andrews.

Dr. G. C. Underwood read a Memoir of the life and character of Elder Thomas W. Matthews, and after very tender tributes to his faithfulness in leading souls to Jesus and other noble traits of pious character, by Dr. G. C. Underwood, J. D. Hackney, Geo. Patterson, Dr. S. E. Téague, Eld. J. L. Smith and the Moderator, was adopted:

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF THOMAS W. MATTHEWS.

Elder Thomas W. Matthews was born June 21, 1812. His parents were not members of the church, perhaps were not professors of religion, but were strictly moral. The subject of our sketch was naturally of a very lively disposition, though thoughtful, and was in his youthful days made to feel that he was standing at a guilty distance from God, and that his refuge was in Christ Jesus, the rock of our salvation. The writer did at different times hear him relate the dealings of the Lord with his soul. He professed to find a hope in Christ about twenty years of age. He did not join the church until the year 1849, at which time he joined the Missionary Baptist Church, at Moon's Chapel, Chatham county, and became a zealous worker in the cause of God, trying somewhat to redeem the time that he had lost by not appropriating the means which are at our disposal for a growth in grace to ourselves, and to let our lights so shine that others may be constrained to follow Christ; for which neglect he often through all that period received the lashes of a guilty conscience. He had great concern and affection for all those surrounding him—trying to build up and edify the christian and to induce sinners to come to repentance. He felt the burden of the word of the Lord from his conversion—that it was his duty to warn sinners to flee the wrath to come and to get the church to organize for her Lord.

Brother Matthews married Polly D. Dorsett July 31, 1834. She died March 2d, 1857. In less than two months from that time he lost three children (sons) nearly grown. His bereavement was great and his afflic-

tions were sore, but he was able to say, "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." He felt sometimes that his neglect of duty to go and proclaim the gospel was set before him in his afflictions. From the time he joined the church he would make public prayer, exhort his friends, &c., and in 1867 he so far took up the cross as to receive a license from his church to preach the Word, and in September, 1871, he was fully set apart to the work of the gospel ministry. He always seemed to have a peculiar feeling for the chnrch, her honor, her glory. He labored much in his own church and the surrounding churches—having gone out as a missionary in parts of the bounds of this Association. He certainly did excel in obeying one divine injunction, to "visit the sick." He could not stay at home if his neighbors were sick—he would wait upon them day and night. He sacrificed a great deal of his time and perhaps part of his health in this way. He married his second wife, Sallie A. Patterson, March 24, 1863. By his first wife he leaves five children—three dead. By his second wife one. His last affliction in the form of bodily disease was lingering—continued two or three years. Throughout that time, however, he maintained that christian fortitude for which he was celebrated, and exhibited that religion which proved his comfort and support, with that zeal for which he was ever characterized. He suffered a great deal, but he was always patient. He frequently gave vent to his feelings on his sick bed in admonitions to his family, for whom he had a tender concern, especially religiously, and those who visited him. He would sing also and praise God. Even after he beeame very weak he would try to sing and the strain would linger upon his lips. Death finally summoned him away, December 29th, 1875, aged 63 years, 6 months and 8 days. He is gone. Peace to his ashes. We feel his loss in the family, in the church and in our Association.

GEORGE C. UNDERWOOD.

Brother R. S. Andrews read a Memoir of the life and character of Elder P. M. Baldwin, which was adopted:

A SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER OF ELDER P. M. BALDWIN.

Elder P. M. Baldwin was a native of North Carolina, born on the 28th day of May, 1831. Raised in Randolph County, and professed religion at the age of 15 years old, at Cedar Falls, under the administration of Bro. Eli Phillips. He seems to have obeyed the command that is given: To remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth. He was a man of very limited means in this world's goods, though it pleased the Master to make him rich with that possession which is incorruptible, that enabled him to enter at once upon public service of teaching the world the way of life and salvation; and enabled him to take up a field of labor on which he was very useful and successful in winning many souls to Jesus. He was pastor of the Sandy Creek Church for several years and greatly built up the old mother church, and his labors are still in memory. His last work was at Sandy Creek Church, on Saturday before the third Sabbath in October, 1867, at which time he went home with M. D. Kivett and was taken sick the same night, and through his protracted illness of two weeks he bore it patiently, giving his experience, that he had finished his course, fought a good fight, kept the faith, and done what he could for the Master's cause, and felt that he must go to his reward. He was fully resigned to the will of the Father, and had his rod and staff to comfort him through the dark valley and shadow of death; that he feared no evil there, and so he fell in the full triumphs of a gospel faith on the 6th day of November, 1867,

and was buried at Columbia Church, Randolph County, N. C., leaving many friends and relatives to mourn their loss which was his eternal gain.

Rev. S. Gilmore appointed to write a sketch of the life and character of brethren W. D. Dowd and E. H. Straughn.

Elder D. Hackney appointed to write upon the life and character of Elder Wm. Lineberry.

Bro. Paschall Ellington to write upon the life and character of Elder Levi Andrews.

Elders W. H. H. Lawhon and E. Crutchfield appointed to write upon the life and character of Elder Noah Richardson, and report to the next session of this Association.

Memoirs of Elders T. W. Matthews and P. M. Baldwin, adopted at this session, ordered to be spread upon the minutes of the Association.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to sister Associations as follows:

Beulah.—William Moore, Elder J. M. Pugh, A. S, Dowd.
Flat River.—Dr. A. J. Patterson, J. A J. Patterson.
Cedar Creek.—Elder D. Hackney, W. Temple.
Pee Dee.—J. F. Moore, C. E. Jones, Wm. Bnrke.
Central.—Elder J. W. Calder, W. F, Foushee, Dr. W. D. Watson.
Liberty.—Elders T. M. Baldwin, E. Crutchfield, George Patterson.
Raleigh.—R. S. Andrews, D. O. Bryan, N. F. Phillips, and S. Weatherspoon.
Mt. Zion.—Lindsay Andrews, Elders J. L. Smith, J. M. Pugh.
Little River.—Elder W. G. King, A. G. Phillips.

Circular Letter read and adopted, as follows:

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren:—In addressing you the Circular Letter, I can conceive of no subject of so much importance in its general and broad application and adaptation to us as that of our little children. The blessed Savior while here on earth said, "suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." And the wise man tells us to train up a child in the way it should go, and when it gets old it will not depart from it. And we ourselves very well know, upon proper reflection, that upon the rising generation, the now youth of the land, will soon devolve all the duties and responsibilities of the very near future, both in the Church and State. And brethren, if "ignorance is a curse to our people," and if a lack of reading is the greatest social want, and its proper improvement the greatest social worth, "and if a love of knowledge comes by reading and grows with it;" "and if a love of knowledge in a young mind is the greatest human safeguard against passion and vice," and if a proper reading of the Bible and thereby a knowledge of the true God and his attributes connected with repentance and faith will purify the soul, cleanse the heart, sanctify the affections and make all aspirations holy, both now and forever, ought we not to make haste and devise the plan, prepare the means, and go to work to secure the fruits, the pleasures

and happiness these advantages bring to our little children, the tender little plants that are growing up in all our homes and hearts?

Then the Sabbath school (that should be in every neighborhood) is most certainly the best system that can be adopted for the little children to read the word of God, to understand his will and learn the way of life. The Sabbath School will lay the foundation for the ennoblement of all the great ends of life and furnish the very best advantages of becoming wise unto salvation.

What subject, what thing in all the earth, should interest us so much, or concern us so greatly, as the salvation of our little children and our neighbors' children—the bringing all the youth of the land to Jesus. If the Church could soon get the pure affections of the youth, the energies and activities of young man and womanhood of this christian land of ours, she could make such rapid strides in all quarters of the land, that the knowledge of God would soon cover the whole face of the earth, as the "waters do the channels of the great deep." But, brethren, in all the leading and important traits of life our little children, whom we love so much and desire so greatly to be better and more useful in their day than we have been, will only be nearly just like ourselves.

If we neglect to read the Word of God, to attend Church meetings on all possible occasions, and fail to attend and maintain Sabbath Schools, but remain at home and break the blessed Sabbath in divers ways, and criticise and speak reproachfully of all feeble workers in the cause of the Master, our little children will do so too, and even worse, and naturally become hardened in sin before their young judgments are sufficiently developed to check them very much.

So brethren let us all awake to a double diligence in our duty to our little chilbren, and to all the children in our midst everywhere. The successful way to "suffer little children to come unto" Jesus, "and forbid them not," is to go ourselves and dwell in Him and let him dwell in us to "will and to do of his own good pleasure," thereby giving them all holy example and precept. And the successful way to "train up a child in the way it should go, so that when it gets old it will not depart from it," is for *us* ALL to walk in the "strait and narrow way," and "keep ourselves unspotted from the world."

Affectionately,

JOHN W. CALDER.

Brother W. W. Edwards appointed to write the next Circular Letter.

Elected Revs. C. T. Bailey, S. Gilmore and W. H. H. Lawhon to preach on Sabbath.

Bro. Geo. Patterson offered the following:

Resolved, That all the Churches be requested to report in future all contributions for benevolent purposes, and the times of their meetings.

Brethren W. F. Foushee, R. M. Burns, W. N. Straughn and J. D. Hackney, appointed Trustees, with Bro. J. Tysor, of Pittsboro' Church property.

Report on Sabbath Schools read by A. G. Phillips, and, after remarks by A. G. Phillips and others,

Association adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder E. Crutchfield.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'clock.

Prayer meeting in the church in compliance with Dr. Yates' request. After impressive services, conducted by Dr. W. D. Watson, a collection was taken up for Dr. Yates amounting to $8.68.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. C. T. Bailey preached at the stand from Rom. 8: 28, to a very large and orderly congregation, the most of whom seemed to feast upon the words of eternal truth.

A collection was taken up for the three objects of the Baptist State Convention, amounting to $20.32.

2 o'clock, Elder W. H. H. Lawhon preached at the stand from Isaiah 1: 3, "My people doth not consider," to a large and attentive audience.

Elder J. M. Pugh preached at night from Phil. 1: 5, followed by Elder E. Crutchfield, with deep and (we trust) lasting impressions for good.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th—9 O'clock.

Association met according to adjournment. Religious exercises by Elder W. H. H. Lawhon.

The Moderator, Elder S. Gilmore, having been called home on account of sickness in his family, Elder W. H. H. Lawhon was elected Moderator pro. tem.

The roll was called and absentees noted. Proceedings of Saturday read and approved.

Report on Sabbath Schools adopted :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee are satisfied, both from observation and experience, that Sabbath Schools is one of the most powerful means that our churches can engage in to lead young people the way of Truth. In communities where there are Sabbath Schools the Gospel is far more successful in reaching the minds and hearts of the impenitent It is, in our opinion, much to be regretted that there are not more of our churches engaged in this glorious work. We can never do our duty if we refuse to obey the injunction to go forward in this great work. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend to the churches and brethren the plan of Little Leaders, as adopted by the Sunday School Board of the Baptist State Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. PHILLIPS,
N. F. PHILLIPS,
J. F. MOORE,
Committee.

Historic report read and adopted :

HISTORIC REPORT.

The Committee to examine the six years' history of our Association, written by Bro. Andrews, report that after a careful examination they can say it is all we could wish it to be, as it is found to be a correct copy from the minutes. Therefore, we heartily approve the history and recommend it to this body, and we do highly appreciate the labors of Bro. Andrews, and recommend that he have for his labors $2.00 for each historic year written, to be paid out of the general fund of the Association.

W. H. H. LAWHON, *Chairman.*

Treasurer's report read and adopted:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

R. S. ANDREWS, Treas. of SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION, *in account with the different Churches composing said body.*

NAME OF CHURCH.	Minute Fund.	Home Missions	Foreign Miss'n	Education.	Total Contributed.
Brush Creek,	$ 2 00	$ 25	$ 3 45	$ 25	$ 5 95
Bear Creek,	3 10	1 00	3 65	.....	7 75
Bethany,	2 00	5 50	5 51	.....	13 01
Bethlehem,	1 65	4 25	4 50	.....	10 40
Cedar Falls,	55	.....	.....	.....	55
Columbia,	1 45	55	55	.....	2 55
Cool Spring,	1 50	4 00	3 45	.....	8 75
Carthage,	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Crane's Creek,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deep Creek,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emmaus,	1 75	2 20	2 20	.....	6 15
Fall Creek,	1 80	2 10	2 17	.....	6 07
Friendship,	1 00	2 25	2 25	.....	5 50
Fork Creek,	50	.....	.....	.....	50
Gum Spring,	1 45	.....	.....	.....	1 45
Love's Creek,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
May's Chapel.,	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	12 00
Mineral Springs,	1 60	.....	.....	.....	1 60
Moon's Chapel,	2 10	1 50	1 10	25	4 95
Mt. Olive,	2 50	10 60	7 55	.....	20 65
Mt. Zion,	1 75	.....	.....	.....	1 75
Mt. Pleasant,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Mechanic's Hill,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Osgood,	1 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Rives' Chapel,	2 00	95	1 70	.....	4 65
Rocky River,	1 20	1 45	50	50	3 65
Rock Spring,	2 00	6 00	6 00	.....	14 00
Sandy Branch,	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Sandy Creek,	1 45	1 30	.....	.....	2 75
Sabbath Collection,	....	6 77	6 77	6 78	20 32
Totals,	$43 35	$60 67	$51 35	$ 7 78	$ 171 83
Yates' Mission,	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 68

R. S. ANDREWS, *Treasurer.*

Auditing Committee's report read and adopted:

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the Treasurer and find his accounts to be true.

GEO. PATTERSON,
J. TYSOR,
Committee.

Delegates to Baptist State Convention appointed:

Elders W. H. H. Lawhon, E. Crutchfield. S. Gilmore, W. G. King, D. Hackney, and Brethren J. Tysor, D. O. Bryan, B. B. Stinson, Geo. Patterson, James Gilbert and William Patterson. Bethlehem Church to appoint one Delegate.

Report of Executive Board read. After remarks by Dr. Watson, J. D. Hackney, J. Tysor, R. L. Jenkins, Elders J. L. Smith, W. H. H. Lawhon and others, adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board report that they have not done any Missionary work except the collection of the following sums of money, to-wit:

Sandy Creek Church,	$ 3 10	
Mt. Pleasant,	5 55	
Moon's Chapel,	1 05	1 pair socks 25
Rocky River,	2 95	
Mt. Zion,	4 15	1 pair socks 25
Bear Creek,	1 40	
A. Anders,	25	
J. B. Clark,	25	
Rock Springs,	5 00	
Total, including socks,	$24 20	

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. WATSON, *Chairman.*

Report on Church Letters read and adopted:

REPORT ON CHURCH LETTERS.

Your Committee on Church Letters beg leave to report that Emmaus Church asks that the next session of the Association be held with them; Bethlehem Church claims the right to appoint one Delegate to the Baptist State Convention; Brush Creek Church complains of not receiving her proportion of minutes.

And we recommend that all Church letters be as short as possible to contain the facts and no more.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. PATTERSON,
P. ELLINGTON,
R. L, JENKINS,
Committee.

Report on Prayer-Meetings read and adopted:

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your Committee on prayer meetings think there is no subject of more importance to the churches than that of prayer. If God has made it a duty for us to pray as individuals, he has also enjoined it on us as churches, and the Bible abounds with instances where God has met with and blessed his people when they have assembled for prayer and praise. Wherever we find a church engaged in regular earnest meetings of this kind we are sure to find a Godly and growing church, developing gifts which he has given the young brethren, thereby fitting them for usefulness and using them as instruments in winning souls to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL HACKNEY;
J. W. CALDER,
Committee.

Time and place for next Association: Emmaus Church, Chatham County, 12 o'clock, Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1878.

Jno. W. Calder to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. W. G. King, alternate.

Appointed an Executive Board: Wm. F. Foushee, Dr. W. D. Watson, J. L. Hackney, E. H. McManus and W. P. Wrenn.

Brother J. D. Hackney offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends of this vicinity for their very liberal and abundant hospitality.

Appointed Sabbath School Missionaries, as follows:

First District.—Dr. G. C. Underwood.
Second District.—J. D. Hackney.
Third District.—Joseph F. Moore.

Fall Creek Church transferred from the 3rd to the 1st District of "Minister's and Layman's Meetings."

Proceedings of to-day read and approved.

Adjourned to time and place appointed.

S. GILMORE, MODERATOR,
Bear Creek, N. C.

W. H. H. LAWHON, MODERATOR, *pro tem*,
Carthage, N, C.

JNO. W CALDER, *Clerk*,
Harper's X Roads.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
FIRST SECTION.											
Fall Creek,	J. L. Smith,	St. Lawrence,	L. Moon,	Harper's X Roads,	....	1	1	..	5	2	133
Brush Creek,	T. M. Baldwin,	Franklinsville,	J. T. Paschal,	St. Lawrence,	11	1	2	..	1	1	96
Moon's Chapel,	D. Hackney,	Kimbolton,	T. C. Mathews,	Marley's Mills,	10	..	...	..	2	1	92
Columbia,	T. M. Baldwin,	Franklinsville,	N. Kivett,	Franklinsville,	2	..	3	..	..	.	70
Cedar Falls,	J. L. Smith,	St. Lawrence,	H. C. Crowder,	Ashboro',	2	2	5	..	2	3	90
Sandy Creek,	T. M. Baldwin,	Franklinsville,	M. D. Kivett,	Troy's Store,	5	..	1	2	2	..	79
Mt. Zion,	S. Gilmore,	Bear Creek,	J. A. J. Patterson,	Patterson's Store,	....	..	..	..	2	2	90
Mt. Pleasant,	J. L. Smith,	St. Lawrence,	J. W. Siler,	Troy's Store,	1	1	2	..	1	1	47
SECOND SECTION.											
Love's Creek,	D. Hackney,	Kimbolton,	G. H. Fitts,	St. Lawrence,	1	3	11	1	..	1	172
Rocky River,	J. L. Smith,	St. Lawrence,	Z. C. Johnson,	Mud Lick,	3	2		..	..	2	66
Emmaus,	S. Gilmore,	Bear Creek,	C. Justice,	Hadley's Mill,	...	..		..	2	1	83
Mt. Olive,	R. A. Patterson,	Oaks,	S. D. Lewis,	Hadley's Mill,	7	..	6	..	4	..	72
Rock Spring,	G. P. Moore,	Pittsboro',	R. S. Eubanks,	Pittsboro',	14	5	3	..	1	1	92
THIRD SECTION.											
Mineral Springs	W. H. H. Lawhon,	Carthage,	T. S. Dowd,	Ore Hill,	20	1	1	...	..	1	70
Rives' Chapel,	W. H. H. Lawhon,	Carthage,	J. C. Watson,	Rives' Chapel,	2	3	1	..	4	..	80
Bear Creek,	S. Gilmore,	Bear Creek,	E. H. McManus,	Harper's X Roads,	..	2	1	..	6	..	162
Bethany,	O. Churchill,	Chalk Level,	W. C. Douglas,	Egypt,	12	3	4	1	4	..	120
May's Chapel,	O. Churchill,	Chalk Level,	J. Tysor,	Egypt,	6	2	3	3	..	..	100
Gum Spring,	G. W. Moore,	.....	W. J. Lassiter,	Haywood,	4	.	3	..	1	1	131

STATISTICAL TABLE.—*Continued.*

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	Baptisms.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.
Sandy Branch,	D. Hackney,	Kimbolton,	A. G. Phillips,	Ore Hill,	...	2	4	..	1	..	46
FOURTH SECTION.											
Cool Spring,	T. Harrison,	Apex,	D. O. Bryan,	Jonesboro',	....	..	..	..	..	..	71
Deep Creek,	....	....	....	....	....	...	..	..	..	..	....
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OF THE

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OF THE

Baptist State Convention

OF

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CONSTITUTION.

1. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina shall be composed of three representatives from each white Association in the State, of annual representatives for every $10 contributed to its funds, and of such life members as have been, or shall be made so by the payment of $30 at any one time to the Treasurer. No one shall be a member of the Convention who is not a member, in good standing, of a Baptist Church.

2. The primary objects of the Convention shall be to educate young men called of God to the ministry and approved by the churches to which they belong; to support the gospel in destitute sections of the State; to assist Baptist Churches in the erection of suitable houses of worship; to encourage the study of the Bible in Sunday Schools, and to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all its departments of labor.

3. The President shall preside when present, and enforce order in accordance with Dr. Mell's Parliamentary Practice.

4. There shall be three Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall preside in the absence of the President.

5. The Recording Secretary and his Assistant shall record the proceedings, publish the minutes, and collect and preserve correct statistics of the denomination.

6. The Treasurer shall receive all funds represented in the Convention, make public acknowledgment of the same every week, forward all contributions to their destination, and at every meeting of the Convention, make a full report of his receipts and disbursements.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall solicit contributions to the objects of the Convention, assist the Board in the employment and payment of Missionaries, and labor to pro-

mote the cultivation and development of christian benevolence.

8. The Boards of the Convention shall be appointed annually.

9. The Education Board shall, so far as it may be able, assist promising and indigent young ministers seeking to prepare themselves for the more efficient preaching of the gospel.

10. The Mission Board shall, so far as the means at its disposal will allow, supply all destitute portions of the State with faithful and efficient ministers of the gospel; shall give pecuniary aid, so far as can be secured, for building houses of worship at proper points in the State, and in cases where pecuniary aid cannot be extended shall commend them to the beneficence of the churches. This Board shall co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in all the departments of its labor.

11. The Sunday School Board shall encourage the study of the Bible in our churches, and co-operate with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

Durham, Orange Co., N. C.,
Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 1877.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina met in its Forty-Seventh Annual Session, with the Church at Durham, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The body was called to order by Vice-President Rev. W. M. Kennedy.

Prayer by Rev. Theo. Whitfield.

The Delegates were enrolled as follows:

RALEIGH ASSOCIATION.

Jacob S. Allen, A. D. Blackwood, N. B. Broughton, L. O. Lougee, T. W. Richardson.

Carey Church.—J. T. Blackwood.

Hepzibah Church.—John Rhodes, C. W. Knight.

Selma Church.—John C. Scarborough.

Green Level Church.—S. W. Mitchell.

Shady Grove Church.—R. J. Bennett.

Swain Street Church, Raleigh.—S. V. House.

FLAT RIVER ASSOCIATION.

T. H. Street.

Oxford Church.—F. R. Underwood, J. A. Stradley, R. H. Marsh, Wm. Biggs.

Hester's Church.—Lawson Knott.

Enon Church.—John Phipps, W. H. McDonald.

Concord Church.—A. M. Veasey, S. W. Warler, N. C. Lyon.

Flat River Union Church.—R. Peed.

Island Creek Church.—H. T. Shanks.

Henderson Church.—F. M. Meadows, J. S. Meadows.

CEDAR CREEK ASSOCIATION.

Isaac McGee.
Antioch Church.—Jas. A. Taylor.
Fayetteville Church.—W. H. Atkinson, N. J. McDuffie, J. F. Marsh.

CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION.

J. F. McMillan.
Ashpole Church.—A. McA. Pittman.
Lumberton Church.—S. E. Ward.

CHOWAN ASSOCIATION.

R. R. Savage, A. D. Cohen, John Mitchell, T. Harrison, W. W. Mitchell, J. D. Hufham, W. G. Ferrebee, E. Aydlett.
Bethlehem Church.—P. H. Thomas.

KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

N. L. Stough, T. Dixon, A. T. Hoord, A. M. Lovelace.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

B. Oliver, J. B. Taylor, W. M. Kennedy, J. W. Denmark, Lemuel Hocut, Alex. Oldham, W. T. Jones.
Goldsboro' Church.—F. H. Ivey.
Kinston Church.—J. A. Pridgen, J. M. Lindsay.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION.

J. J. McLendon.
Lilesville Church.—N. B. Bobb.
Spring Hill Church.—N. D. Johnson, N. J. Connelly.

CATAWBA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

R. H. Moody, W. A. Graham.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

R. L. Steele.

SANDY CREEK ASSOCIATION.

W. H. H. Lawhon, Geo. Patterson, E. Crutchfield, J. F. Moore.

BEULAH ASSOCIATION.

John Kerr, F. H. Jones, J. M. Williams, C. J. Watkins.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Wake Forest Church.—F. M. Purefoy, L. R. Mills, M. V. McDuffie.

Forestville Church.—W. B. Dunn, W. B. Smith, A. R. Vann, C. W. Scarborough, James C. Lee, B. F. Frost.

Midway Church.—N. G. Sanderford.

Hopkins' Chapel.—B. W. Ray.

First Baptist Church, Raleigh.—T. H. Pritchard, J. P. Pritchard, Sr., J. M. Heck, John Armstrong, F. P. Hobgood, Rufus Turner.

Mt. Vernon Church.—John E. Ray, Geo. Hunter, W. H. Lassiter, J. P. Young.

New Hope Church.—B. B. Buffaloe.

Franklinton Church.—E. J. Ragsdale, E. W. Morris.

SOUTH YADKIN ASSOCIATION.

J. B. Boone, J. H. Boothe, R. H. Griffith, S. F. Conrad.

Mocksville Church.—W. B. Clements.

Bethel Church.—I. B. Marsh.

Eaton's Church.—C. E. Tatum, E. Frost.

Charlotte Church.—T. Whitfield.

Catawba Church.—J. S. Bridgers.

Jerusalem Church.—P. O. Tatum.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

J. M. Hilliard.

Hillsboro' Church.—J. E. Jones.

Chapel Hill Church.—H. P. Smith, W. J. Peele, C. Bishop, John H. Weaver.

Bethel Church.— —. Lloyd.

Durham Church.—J. L. Markham, J. N. Cheek, E. Dalby, J. T. Womble, R. T. Howerton, Nash Cheek, Thos. Farthing, Wm. Lyon, Wm. Maynor, T. J. Riggsbee, W. Gordon, J. L. Blackwell, J. H. Freeman.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

J. B. Richardson.

TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION.

J. A. Mundy, W. J. Fulford, Jno. Watson, Noah Biggs, W. H. Kitchen.

Greenville.—Thos. Carrick.

Warrenton Church.—John R. Johnston.

SOCIETIES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Concord Sunday School.—M. W. Veasey.

Swain Street Sunday School, Raleigh.—Z. T. Broughton.

Cary Sunday School.—Miss Bettie Blackwood, C. H. Clark.

Shelby Sunday School.—Miss O. Durham.

Spring Hill Missionary Society.—D. McNeill,

Yanceyville Missionary Society.—W. L. Poteat.

Durham Sunday School.—H. A. Reams, A. J. Hunt.
Durham Woman's Mission Society.—Mrs. J. R. Day, Miss A. M. Cheek.
Wake Union Sunday School.—N. R. Pittman.
First Baptist Sunday School Raleigh.—John E. Ray.
Ahoskie Sunday School Missionary Society.—W. W. Mitchell.
Mars Hill Sunday School.—J. H. Vernon.
Raleigh Yates Missionary Society.—T. H Pritchard, J. M. Heck.
Wake Forest Missionary Society.—J. M. Williams, W. T. Lewellyn.
Forestville Sunday School.—A. R. Vann, Lina Allen, Laura Fort.

LIFE MEMBERS PRESENT.

. J. S. Allen, Mattie O. Allen, Elder C. T. Bailey, Elder A. D. Blackwood, N. B. Broughton, Carolina R. Broughton, Elder A. D. Cohen, E. Dalby, Elder E. Dodson, P. A. Dunn, W. B. Dunn, Elder C. Durham, Elder R. H. Griffith, W. S. Grandy, W. R. Gwaltney, S. S. Hicks, J. M. Hilliard, J. M. Heck, Elder J. D. Huf ham, Elder F. H. Ivey, Elder J. J. James, Hon. Jno. Kerr, Marcellus King, L. O. Lougee, Elder R. H. Marsh, Elder John Mitchell, W. W. Mitchell, Elder R. H. Moody, F. M. Meadows, Elder G. W. Purefoy, Elder J. S. Purefoy, Elder A. F. Purefoy, Elder J. P. Pritchard, Elder T. H. Pritchard, Elder J. B. Richardson, Elder R. R. Savage, Elder J. A. Stradley, Elder A. L. Stough, J. C. Scarborough, Eld. C. E. Taylor, Elder Jas. B. Taylor, Elder W. M. Wingate.

On motion, it was resolved to go into the election of President of the body,

Whereupon, Revs. W. B. Harrell and A. D. Cohen were appointed tellers.

Pending the vote, a Committee of three, consisting of J. J. James, J. A. Stradley and W. A. Graham, were appointed to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention, with the exception of Corresponding Secretary.

The tellers announced that Judge John Kerr had received a majority of the votes cast for President, and was declared duly elected.

On taking his seat the President returned thanks for the honor conferred, and addressed the Convention in appropriate remarks.

The Committee to Nominate Officers reported as follows:

Vice Presidents.—W. A. Graham, R. R. Savage and W. B. Clements.

Treasurer.—John G. Williams.
Auditor.—W. W. Vass.
Recording Secretaries.—J. D. Hufham and F. R. Underwood.

On motion of Rev. F. R. Underwood, the report was amended by striking out his name and inserting that of Bro. Wm. Biggs.

The report, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Rev. C. Durham, the sessions of the Convention were fixed as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., and spend half an hour in devotional exercises, and adjourn at 12 M. Meet at 2 P. M., and adjourn at will. Meet at 7 P. M., and adjourn at will.

Rev. J. J. James moved that the Convention spend half an hour in devotional exercises.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats. The following responded from Western Convention: Elders John Mitchell, F. M. Jordan, S. M. Collis, and Bro. Chas. E. Lee.

The Chair announced the following Finance Committee: W. A. Graham, E. Frost and J. S. Allen.

The Secretary read the Report of the State Mission Board, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Feeling that confidence in the Board was far better than debt, and that the cause of Missions had greatly suffered by the Board not being able to meet its obligations and pay off its Missionaries, we have not thought it expedient to issue as many commissions as formerly, and as to the prudence of such a course we have only to refer you to the report of our Finances.

Our Corresponding Secretary, Bro. Richardson, reports: Associations attended 12, namely, Chowan, Central, Beulah, Flat River, Liberty, Mt. Zion, South Yadkin, King's Mountain, Green River, Catawba, Pee Dee, and Cape Fear.

Churches visited, 136; sermons preached, 141; addresses delivered on *State* and *Foreign Missions*, *Education* and *Sunday Schools*, each 164; on *Biblical Recorder*, 75; social prayer-meetings conducted, 115; persons addressed, over 27,775; miles traveled, two-fifths by private con-

veyance, 5,386; letters and postals written, 525; circulars mailed to Churches and Pastors, 800.

Money raised for all objects in cash,.....	$1,665.89
Expenses on Railroad, Steamboats, Stages, &c.,... ...	110.65
Expenses at Hotels,.....	5.75
Expenses for Stationery, ...	17.05
Total expenses,.....	133.45

MISSIONARIES.

Your Board issued the following commissions for the year ending Nov. 1st., 1877, and the Missionaries make the subjoined reports:

Rev. J. B. Boone half his time at Salisbury, and half at Statesville, the Board appropriating $200, and the South Yadkin Association $200.

For Salisbury Bro. Boone reports: "sermons, 60; prayer-meetings, 27; families visited, 124; baptized, 26; churches constituted, 1; additions by letter and experience, 30; denominational tracts distributed, 200; Sunday schools, 1; number of pupils, 30; received from his field on salary, $39.70. The prospects are encouraging. We greatly need a house of worship, and hope to have one soon."

At Statesville: "sermons, 29; churches, 1; out-stations, 1; prayer-meetings, 29; families visited, 89; additions by letter, 1; denominational tracts distributed, 56; money raised on field for pastor's salary, $100; Sunday schools, 2; pupils, 80. They are pushing forward their house of worship to completion, but will need the aid of our people in this good work."

Rev. N. B. Cobb was appointed to labor half his time at Polkton, and half at Rockingham, the Board aiding $100, and it was thought the Pee Dee Association would aid to the amount of $100. But they have failed to do so. If possible bro. C., should be paid more than the $100 from the State Board, for his labors have been much and greatly blessed. His reports show sermons preached, 64; churches, 1; out-stations, 4; prayer-meetings, 35; baptisms, 13, and 5 received for baptism; additions by letter, 4; testaments distributed, 24; denominational tracts, 67; Sunday schools, 4; pupils, 300. He writes, "I have organized 4 Sunday schools. The church at Polkton has grown from 12 to 20. We hope to worship in our new house in a couple of months. The brethren are making arrangements to build a house near Cool Spring, 12 miles from Wadesboro, on the Cheraw road, where I preached the first Baptist sermon ever heard by many in that neighborhood, and have baptized 6 persons. At Rockingham we have organized in the Court House as an arm of Cartledge's Creek church, which is six miles away in the country. I go there next Sabbath to baptize 3. There are about 30 Baptists in Rockingham and vicinity."

Bro. R. H. Moody has been laboring one fourth his time at Morganton;

salary $150. He reports: sermons, 30; stations, 1; families visited, 30. As there was a debt of over $200.00 on our house and lot in Morganton, Bro. M. has been laboring to pay it off. I have as yet received no report from him as to his success.

Bro. S. F. Conrad was appointed to labor all his time at Greensboro and vicinity; aid granted $100.00. Bro. C. resigned April 1st. For the time he labored he reported, sermons, 39; prayer-meetings, 13; visits, 101; baptized, 1; Sunday schools, 2; pupils, 80. On the 2d Sabbath in August last a church was constituted 5 miles East of Greensboro with over 20 members, and bids fair to be an efficient body in a most important field.

Bro. P. R. Elam was commissioned to labor one fourth his time at Gastonia, Dallas, and vicinity, in Gaston county. Appropriation $100, to be raised by the King's Mountain Association. Sermons, 28; churches supplied, 2; out-stations, 1; baptisms, 3; a church has been constituted at Gastonia with 28 members; additions, 3; Sunday schools, 1; pupils, 65. Bro. Elam's labors have been greatly blessed at Gastonia, a most important field at the junction of the Atlanta Air Line and Chester & Newton Narrow Gauge Railroads. He hopes to raise on his field funds enough to build a house at Gastonia, and with the present membership of 31 there is a bright future for them.

On the 1st of June last a commission was issued to Bro. Wells Briggs to labor in the counties of Hyde and Tyrrell, under the direction of the Camden and Currituck Union of the Chowan Association. His salary was fixed, and raised by said Union. He reports to Oct. 1st: sermons, 46; churches supplied, 5; out-stations, 4; prayer-meetings, 16; visits, 54; baptized, 6; assisted in two protracted meetings where 40 were baptized. Two church-houses are being built on his field.

Bro. J. H. Vernon was re-appointed to labor within the bounds of the Beulah Association. But like a self-denying soldier of the Cross, in view of the small amounts contributed to State Missions, he declined any aid from the Board trusting his field for a support. I learn that his labors have been much blessed, and many have been added to the churches under his faithful labors.

WORK DONE BY THE ASSOCIATIONS.

Every Association within the bounds of our Convention has been doing a Missionary work, either independently of, or through your Board. Many of them have had faithful workers in the field. Some of these have been abundantly blessed, and under their labors hundreds have been converted and baptized. I have been able to get reports but from a few of them. When Associations have had Missionaries of their own, the Board has encouraged and aided them as much as possible,

through Bro. Richardson, not in the least throwing any barrier or obstacle in their way.

Of these the Catawba has had one Missionary, Bro. G. J. Wilkie, employed all his time. He reports, sermons, 146; churches visited, 8; outstations supplied, 20; prayer metings and family prayers, 199; adults and families addressed, 711; families visited, 116; baptized, 79; additions by restoration, 10; churches constituted, 1. Salary $300.

The Green River has had the services of Bro. Wade Hill for three fourths of his time at a salary of $300. I have no detailed report from him. He preached 74 sermons, and 15 professed conversion under his labors, and he labored in protracted meetings where many others made a professsion.

Brier Creek, Brushy Mountain, Rocky River, and the Eastern have all been doing a work separate from the State Board, but no report has been received from them. The Yadkin and Pee Dee have had *two* Missionaries each, for a part of their time. The Liberty and Tar River each decided at their late sessions to employ a brother for the ensuing year, the latter pledging $360.00 for this work.

The Beulah, in addition to funds reported to Treasurer of Convention, has spent $80.00 for work done within her bounds. The Cape Fear has expended nearly $300.00 within her territory besides funds contributed to the State Board, and have had Elders D. J. Ray, D. K. Bennett, and John F. McMillan laboring a portion of their time in its borders. Of this Association Bro. Haynes Lennon writes as follows: "Notwithstanding our collections have been somewhat meager, yet there is a return of confidence in our success in the great work of Missions;—and the foundation of a more general spread of the Gospel in our bounds, the sustaining of State and Foreign Missions, and the education of the rising ministry is being so permanently laid that under the blessings of a benign Providence our success is guaranteed." The South Yadkin, though one of the smallest in the State, has paid nearly $300.00 to Missionaries under the direction of its excellent Board, and $100.00 to State Board.

In the Chowan, which is divided into *three* districts, two have been doing a work within themselves, while the third has been working through your Board.

The Sandy Creek, Mt. Zion, Central, Flat River and Raleigh, have all contributed to the State Board.

On the borders of the Raleigh Association, Bro. Allen Betts has been laboring. He reports for one Quarter, sermons, 17; Mission stations, 3; and religious visits, 105.

Bro. W. B. Harrell, though under the appointment of no Board has been laboring at Graham, Company Shops, Haw River Depot, and Swepson's Factory, Missionary Stations, two Sabbaths per month. These are important points, and Bro. Harrell deserves much credit for holding

them, while we learn he has scarcely received enough to pay his Railroad fare to and from them. If possible he should yet receive some remuneration.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Rec'd on account of 1874,	$ 8.02
" " " " 1875,	
" " " " 1876, including balance on hand at last report,	283.56
" " " " 1877,	1,979.92
	2,271.50
Paid on account of 1874,	8.02
" " " " 1875,	50.00
" " " " 1876,	745.00
" " " " 1877,	1,445.11
	2,248.13
On hand,	$ 23.37
Present indebtedness,	225.00

In addition to the amount of $225.00 due by the State Board, there are unadjusted claims of $184.73 which the Board are not satisfied they should pay.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the report of the Treasurer it will be seen that the interest in Foreign Missions has greatly increased. The Board would gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in putting it into the hearts of our people to sustain the cause of Missions in Foreign lands more liberally than for many years past. It is proper to say that the Board committed the management of this work to Dr. T. H. Pritchard, one of its members, and that the increased interest manifested in this great enterprise is probably due to two causes—first, an earnest effort has been made to enlist the female membership of our churches in this work, by the organization of Women's Missionary Societies. To this end a central committee was created in Raleigh, and an encouraging beginning has been made by the formation of over twenty such societies in different parts of the State. We sincerely believe that a most fruitful field invites us to labor in this direction, and do most earnestly press the claims of this special enterprise, not only upon the sisters of our churches, but the pastors and prominent brethren as well.

The other reason we adduce as contributing to the increased concern felt for this cause is the fact that our beloved brother Dr. J. B. Hartwell, who has spent seventeen years in China, has given several months to the excellent work of visiting the churches and Associations of this State. The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ, and we cordially commend

this faithful brother and the work he represents to the confidence and support of our churches.

THE OUTLOOK.

While there is a gradual and general waking up among our people all over the State, yet hundreds of our churches are doing nothing for Missions.

In 1876 our Secretary, Bro. Richardson, received copies of the minutes of 23 Associations East of Blue Ridge, showing an aggregate of 678 churches. Of this number there were only 64 that gave to all our objects of Beneficence $20.00 or more, each; 63 gave from $10, to $20, each; 55 gave from $5, to $10; and 102 gave each less than $5.00, while 398 gave nothing. And from statistics which we regard reliable, we may safely say that not more than *one* of every *seven* of our membership contribute any thing for support of the pastors and incidental expenses. But the number of 398 do-nothing churches has been reduced this year nearly 100, and with a wise effort this number can still be diminished every year until all will be giving something.

The 12 Associations visited by Bro. Richardson reported about 2500 baptisms, and most of these met before the time of holding their protracted meetings. We are persuaded that at least 5000 have been baptized into the full fellowship of our churches East of the Ridge this year.

THE FUTURE WORK

should be enlarged if possible. Many points are now opened to us, and vast fields ripe to harvest if we will only go forward.

The work at Salisbury and Statesville must be pushed, And from from Statesville to Asheville on the Western Railroad, is a field that by a little aid for one or two years with the right man, can be made self-supporting.

Another inviting and important field is found along the C. C. Railroad, at Polkton, Rockingham, Shoe Heel and Laurinburg. At this last named town we now have a flourishing Sunday school but no preaching, while in the Pamlico country calls, loud and strong, are reaching us almost every day. And, further, there are many sections in various parts of our Commonwealth where with wisely directed effort we could plant firmly our principles. Still, my brethren, as a Board, we can do but little. In one sense we are but disbursing agents, and our efforts are feeble without the co-operation of the great mass of Baptists in this State, who are a great power if we would only work together and realize the importance of maintaining and carrying forward the principles that we *should* hold dear. Unity of action and purpose we greatly need. With these, under the guidance of our Blessed Master, none of our enterprises

would languish. Let each and every Baptist take hold of Baptist enterprises as "*ours*" and not "*yours*," and feel, as he should, that upon each rests a responsibility which no other can discharge, that he must go forward and *help* and not stand off and *complain;* and many waste places of Zion, which are now suffering from our indifference, would be greatly changed and the cause of Christ blessed in a manner more commensurate with our numbers and ability.

May God open our hearts, impel us to, and guide us in the great work of Evangelizing our own dear State.

W. H. PACE,
Chm'n Board of Missions.

When, upon motion, the further consideration of the report, so far as it relates to State Missions, was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow, the portion relating to Foreign Missions being postponed for consideration at the Mass Meeting on Friday night.

The report of the Sunday School Board was submitted as follows:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina:

ORGANIZATION.—OLD DEBT.

Soon after the adjournment of the last session of the Convention, your Board organized, and found themselves not only without money or pledges of any kind, but trammeled with a debt of $275.45, due the missionary of the previous year. Besides, we were bound by a pledge voluntarily made to the Convention to pay any debts contracted during the year.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Under the circumstances we thought it best to dispense with the services of a traveling agent, and do all we could in awakening an interest in behalf of Sunday Schools in the churches by correspondence; and to this end, secured at a nominal sum, (for the first two and a half months, $10 per month, and since that, $15 per month,) the afternoon and night services of Bro. John E. Ray, one of the teachers at the State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, who has served the Board faithfully and very efficiently. When the correspondence was too great f

his limited time, several of the young sisters and brothers of the Raleigh churches volunteered and wrote for him several hundred letters, thus enabling him to keep up a correspondence, the extent of which may be judged from the fact that more than four thousand postage stamps were required.

LITTLE LEADER PLAN.

Soon after the organization, the Board adopted a systematic plan for raising money for Sunday School purposes, known as the "Little Leader" plan; which has received the hearty approval of a large number of our ministers and laymen, who are active Sunday School workers. A very large number of the Schools in the State have tried it, 3,160 commissions having been sent out, and generally it has given entire satisfaction and enabled the Schools to increase their means of usefulness without being burdensome to any one. While it has been thus effective in awakening new zeal and efficiency in many of the Schools and enabled them to procure much-needed outfits for themselves, up to the present it has not put any considerable sum of money at the disposal of your Board. Perhaps part of this result is due to the fact that the Board could not urge the Schools to send away the money raised, while in most instances they were in great need of books, papers and other outfit, to enable them to do efficient teaching.

WORK DONE.

In the absence of systematic Associational Sunday School reports, it is impossible to approximate the sum that has been raised and expended by the Schools in purchasing outfits; but from many letters received from working brethren in different parts of the State, we believe the sum to be much larger than has been expended for Sunday School purposes in any former year; and that generally there is more zeal, life and energy in this branch of christian labor, the result, under the blessings of our Heavenly Father, of a more general awakening to the importance and liberal policy towards Sunday School work.

COLPORTAGE.

Your Board, recognizing the importance of a judicious system of colportage, and being entirely without means to establish any thing of the kind themselves, made arrangements with the American Baptist Publication Society, located in Philadelphia, by which a few of our young brethren at Wake Forest College were enabled to spend their vacation in this work, we trust with good results, and at small risk to the Board; as each was required to file a bond with approved security with the Board to meet promptly their bills for books, which they bought and sold, relying upon the profits of their sales for support. And it gives us pleasure to be able to report that these obligations were all promptly met, except in one

instance where a brother was prevented by sickness from selling his books in time, in which case your Board at once met the obligation, and now report among their available assets the small amount still due from the brother.

OFFICE.

Your Board, believing it to be important to have a convenient place for an office, where the brethren of the State, coming to the Capital, could call and give information and talk over the wants of their respective sections, rented a room in the Briggs Building, on Fayetteville street, and put in it such plain furniture as would make it suitable and convenient for their purposes. And their experience has so fully confirmed them in the opinion that there should be a "Baptist Headquarters" at the Capital of the State, where all would feel perfectly free to call and interchange views, give and receive information, that they beg leave to suggest that, if either Board of the Convention is located there, a room, similar to the one occupied by the Sunday School Board, be kept open, and that the few dollars worth of furniture on hand be put into it.

WILMINGTON.

There are many reasons which induce your Board to suggest that for the next year the Sunday School Board be located in the city of Wilmington. While that city has many of the very best church and Sunday School workers, none of our Boards are located there. Again we have noticed that the Sunday School work is most likely to grow rapidly in the section within easiest reach of the Board; and, as it has been in Charlotte and Raleigh, we think it is now due to our brethren at Wilmington, who are no laggards, and who will, beyond doubt, push the work with great zeal and energy if entrusted to them.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

We would also beg leave to recommend that the Board appointed be instructed to call a Convention of representatives from the different Sunday Schools in the State, to meet some time during the month of April or May of next year, at such place as the Board may think best, and arrange a programme for the same.

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Your Board would not forget to mention the fact that they have been greatly assisted in their work by the brethren in charge of the *Recorder*, who kindly gave them, free of charge, a column in the paper, and gave much of their time to selecting and preparing suitable matter for the same, when Bro. Ray was absent or too much pressed by the other duties of his office. Besides, two of them gave each one hundred dollars to the work of the Board.

PAPERS.

We note with pleasure that "Kind Words," the Sunday School paper of the Southern Baptist Convention, is more extensively circulated among the Sunday School people of our State than formerly. The following journals have been regularly sent to our office free of charge and kept on file, and are entitled to our heartfelt thanks: *Biblical Recorder; Sunday School Times, Philadelphia; Watchman, Boston; The Alliance, Chicago, and National Sunday School Teacher, Chicago.*

AID FURNISHED.

The Board has from time to time made such advances to needy and feeble Schools as their limited means would permit. Such advances were usually made to purchase a small outfit, on promise that the amount would be returned as soon as it could be collected by the "Little Leader" plan. Several Schools have been thus aided some of which have already returned the full amounts; and relying on the promises of the others we have reported the sums due among the available assets of the Board. Besides these, many Schools have been aided with papers, or by buying books, or otherwise.

Our Corresponding Secretary and members of the Board have visited a number of Schools, but as this was done without expense to the Board, no account has been kept of it or any similar work done.

FINANCIAL.

By reference to the financial report hereto annexed it will be seen that the Board has only had under its control $1,600.20, of which amount it has expended $1,317.95, including the payment of the debt due before their appointment, viz: $275.45, leaving on hand in cash,..... $ 282.25

Available assets, ...	155.24
Office outfit, ...	72.50
Sunday School books, &c., ...	81.00
Total, ...	$ 590.99

Besides the foregoing assets, we have in hand fifteen Certificates of Life Membership in the Baptist State Convention of N. C., which have been paid for by brethren and presented to your Board, the par value of which is $450.

While we sincerely regret that so little has been done, we would not forget to render praise and thanksgiving unto Him whose servants we are, for whatever measure of success He has given us.

J. M. HECK, *President.*

JOHN E. RAY, *Cor. Secretary.*

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Members of present Board,		884 95
Raleigh Association:		
Swain Street Sunday School,	$ 30 70	
Mt. Moriah " "	4 00	
Providence Church,	7 00	
Samaria Sunday School,	10 00	
Mt. Hermon " "	6 35	
		$ 58 05
Chowan Association:		
Sunday Collection,	11 90	
Chowan Baptist Female Institute,	3 00	
Winton Sunday School,	8 95	
Elizabeth City Sunday School,	3 00	
Gardner's " "	8 67	
		35
South Yadkin Association:		
Charlotte Sunday School,	2 53	
Eaton's " "	12 85	
Farmington " "	3 00	
		18 38
Central Association:		
Salisbury Street Sunday School, Raleigh,	230 40	
Wake Forest College " "	29 70	
Third " " Raleigh,	10 59	
Forestville, " "	20 00	
Sunday Collection at Association,	3 04	
		293 73
Flat River Association:		
Oxford Church,	7 00	
Collection at Association,	1 81	
Oxford Sunday School,	16 20	
		25 01
Tar River Association:		
Sunday Collection,		5 00
Individuals:		
T. F. Eaton,	5 00	
W. H. Pace,	2 50	
J. E. Ray,	10 00	
		17 50
Beulah Association:		
Yanceyville Church,	1 61	
Milton "	6 21	
		7 82
Eastern Association:		
Sunday School, First Church, Wilmington,	39 43	
" " Beaufort,	10 30	
" " Whiteville,	1 00	
" " Tolarsville,	8 00	
		58 73
Cedar Creek Association:		
Mt. Pisgah Sunday School,		2 50
Pee Dee Association:		
Lilesville Sunday School,	6 35	
Collection at Association,	25	
		6 60
Mt. Zion Association:		
Chapel Hill Church,	60	
Durham "	10 60	
Collection at Association,	1 49	
Hillsboro' Sunday School,	2 46	
		15 15
Cape Fear Association:		
Masonboro' Sunday School,	12 75	
Collection at Association,	3 00	
		15 75
Amounts returned for books, &c., advanced by the Board,		155 51
Total amount of receipts up to date.		$ 1,600 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Rev. J. K. Howell, on salary for 1876,	$ 280 45
" Check-Book,	1 00
" Postage Stamps,	107 00
" C. C. Clawson, for picture frames, shades, &c.,	27 50
" A. Creech, for carpet, &c., for office,	14 00
" John E. Ray, Cor. Sec., on salary,	130 00
" R. G. Lewis, for stove and pipe,	10 00
" J. G. Williams, Treas., for S. S. Board's part of printing Minutes of Convention,	25 00
To T. H. Briggs & Sons, for rent and merchandise,	177 10
" Edwards, Broughton & Co., for printing and binding,	248 50
" State National Bank, for money advanced for Haw River S. S.,	3 75
" R. & G. R. R. Co., for freight on books,	2 91
" Alfred Williams, for books, &c., for Sunday Schools,	66 59
" Amount advanced for Sunday Schools and Song Books, to be returned,	224 15
Total amount expended up to date,	$ 1,317 95

On motion the report was referred to a committee of five, with instructions to report at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

The following report of the Central Committee of the Women's Missionary Society of North Carolina was read:

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Grateful for the social and moral and intellectual elevation of woman in this country, the result of christianity; impressed with the importance of carrying to the homes and hearts of our unfortunate sisters in other lands that blessed Gospel which has done so much for us, and desiring to promote the development of the gifts and graces of the christian women of our own beloved State, at the suggestion of Dr. H. A. Tupper, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, twenty of us, members of the Baptist churches of Raleigh, organized ourselves into a Central Committee last April, and beg leave to submit to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, our first report:

The Committee was organized by the election of Mrs. J. M. Heck as President, Mrs. A. M. Lewis as Vice-President, Mrs. F. L. Mahler, Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Scarborough, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. T. H. Pritchard, Treasurer.

An address to the Baptist Women of the State was at once prepared, showing what had been done by women in other States and of other Churches for Foreign Missions, and urging them to form societies in all the churches, and to send to us for mite boxes, as experience had shown that this was an excellent way of promoting the interests of such socie-

ties. Five hundred copies of the Constitution with directions how to form societies were also printed, and then little pamphlets were scattered by the hundred over the State.

While we have not been able to accomplish all our hearts desired, we yet feel encouraged by the results reported of a little more than half a year's work and humbly trust that our labor will meet with more abundant success during the next year.

Our Corresponding Secretary reports 124 letters written, addressed to 100 persons; answers received to letters written, 35; number of societies formed, some 25; number of mite boxes distributed, 900.

The Treasurer of the Convention reports the following sums received from various Societies:

Women's	Missionary	Society	of	Riley's Creek,	$ 9.30
"	"	"	"	Mt. Holly,	13.07
"	"	"	"	Murfreesboro,	35.00
"	"	"	"	Warsaw,	10.85
"	"	"	"	Wake Forest,	14.25
"	"	"	"	Johnstons M. H.,	16.91
"	"	"	"	Spring Hill,	12 00
"	"	"	"	Swain St., Raleigh,	4.64
"	"	"	"	Bethany,	2.00
"	"	"	"	Winston,	8.00
"	"	"	"	Greensboro,	5.20
"	"	"	"	Forestville,	26.76
"	"	"	"	Fayetteville,	5.00
"	"	"	"	Green Spring,	7.00
"	"	"	"	Lumber Bridge,	15.00
"	"	"	"	Salisbury St., Raleigh,	136 18
"	"	"	"	Durham,	21.00
					$342.16

It is proper to state that the difference in amounts reported by these societies is largely attributable to the dates of their organization; some of them having been but recently formed, while that of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh has been in operation something over a year. It will be seen from this statement that only seventeen societies have reported the amounts collected, and yet the aggregate reaches the respectable sum of $342.16. In addition to this amount some forty dollars have been sent to the Treasurer, contributed through mite boxes sent out by the Central Committee.

If during the next year we shall be able to organize as many more societies as now exist, and three fourths of them contribute in proportion to those which have reported this year—an average of twenty dollars each—and this for only about half the year, we may confidently hope that the treasury of Foreign Missions will realize from seven to ten hundred dollars from this source, nearly one third of the sum contributed to this cause by all the churches of the State.

All that is needed to make this enterprise a complete success and to establish societies in hundreds of our churches is for our pastors to imitate the example of Rev. W. M. Kennedy, of the Eastern Association, who writes, Nov. 3d.: "Women's Mission Societies organized at Johnson's M. H., Mt. Holly, Riley's Creek, and Corinth. The four societies will raise about eighty dollars the present year. I think the mite box plan the best that has yet been adopted. Every church should have them."

As the Convention represents the organized denomination of the State, we have felt that it was proper to submit our report to its consideration, and to ask such recognition at its hands, as the wisdom of the body may suggest.

MRS. J. M. HECK, *President.*

MRS. J. C. SCARBOROUGH, *Cor. Sec.*

Convention adjourned, with singing, to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called the Convention to order.

Elder C. Durham submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed to report upon the following questions, viz: An Evangelist. What is he? and what is his work? If the office of an Evangelist scripturally exists? and there is a demand for such work in our State? Who, of this body, are suitable and available men for such work? And what connection, if any, should they officially sustain to this Convention?

The Chair appointed the following Committee in pursuance of the above resolution: Elds. Theo. Whitfield, T. H. Pritchard, W. M. Wingate, J. B. Taylor, R. R. Savage, F. H. Jones, John Mitchell, N. B. Cobb and R. H. Marsh.

By consent, Elder R. H. Moody made a statement in reference to the Morganton Church,

Which was discussed by Elders Pritchard, Jordan, Richardson and Hufham.

A collection for the relief of the church was taken up amounting to $43.06, when,

On motion of Elder Durham, it was ordered that the deed for the said church, when taken, should be in the name of this Convention.

Elder J. B. Turpin, of the Dan River (Va.) Association, was welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

The following report of the Treasurer was read and adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Domestic Missions:			
On hand at last report,.....		$ 1 00	
Amount received,.....		150 14	$ 151 14
		151 14	
Paid Dr. McIntosh,.... .....$	113 84		
" Rev. J. K. Mendenhall,.....	30 40	144 24	
On hand,.....		6 90	
Indian Missions:			
On hand at last report,..... ..		6 82	
Amount received, ...		11 91	18 73
		18 73	
Paid Dr. McIntosh,...		18 73	
African Missions:			
On hand at last report,..... ..		3 60	
Amount received,....		1 50	5 10
		5 10	
Paid Dr. Tupper,....		5 10	
Orphan Asylum, at Oxford, N. C.:			
Amount received,....		77 51	77 51
Paid J. H. Mills, Superintendent,....		77 51	
Amount carried forward, ...			$ 252 48

Amount brought forward, ...			$ 252 48
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary:			
On hand at last report,.....		65 00	
Amount received,....		279 00	344 00
		344 00	
Paid Dr. Boyce,...		224 00	
On hand, ...		120 00	
Endowment Wake Forest College:			
Amount received,...		30 25	30 25
Paid Prof. Simmons,.....		30 25	
Church Extension:			
On hand at last report, for Church at Graham,....		36 50	
Amount rec'd for Church at Graham,		27 05	
" " " " Charlotte,		5 00	
" " " " Statesville,		5 00	
" " " " Plymouth,		5 00	
" " object not stated,.....		1 75	80 30
		80 30	
Paid Graham Church,.....		58 55	
On hand,.....		21 75	
Education:			
On hand at last report,....		8 79	
Amount received,....		1,710 38	1,719 17
		1,719 17	
Paid Rev. W. B. Royall, Sec. & Treas., Board of Education,.....	1,691 99		
Paid on account of Printing Minutes of Convention of 1876, ...	27 00		
Charge for money order, and postage on letter containing remittance,...	18	1,719 17	
China Missions:			
Amount received—on hand,..... ...		1 50	1 50
Amount carried forward,.....			$ 2,427 70

Amount brought forward,.....			$ 2,427 70
State Missions:			
On hand at last report,.....		24 17	
Amount received for 1874, 1876, 1877,		2,247 33	2,271 50
		2,271 50	
Paid Rev. J. F. Tuttle, on account of 1874,.....	8 02		
Paid estate of Dr. Walters, balance on account of 1875,...	50 00		
Paid Recording Secretary and Assis't,	25 00		
Paid on account Minutes, 1876,.. ..	60 00		
Paid ½ expense of printing 500 copies Treasurer's report,..... ...	5 00		
Paid ½ expense printing 800 Postal Cards for Cor. Sec., ...	5 00		
Paid Rev. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., balance of his salary due from this account for 1876,.....	376 95		
Paid Rev. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., travelling expenses due from this account for 1877,.....	108 24		
Paid State Missionaries, on account of 1876,.....	368 05		
Paid State Missionaries, on account of 1877,.....	641 67		
Paid Rev. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., on account of salary for 1877,... .	600 00		
Paid charge for P. O. Order, ...	20	2,248 13	
On hand,...		23 37	
Foreign Missions:			
On hand at last report,....		905 64	
Amount received, including amounts given for Dr. Yates' salary,...		2,817 26	3,722 90
		3,722 90	
Paid Dr. Tupper,...	2,674 96		
" Rev. J. B. Hartwell,.....	429 48		
" Rev. J. B. Richardson. Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention of N. C., salary due from this account for 1876	233 55		
Amount carried forward,.....			$ 8,422 10

Amount brought forward,.....			$ 8,422 10
Paid Rev. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., salary due from this account for 1877	300 00		
Paid Rev. J. B. Richardson, Cor. Sec., travelling expenses, for 1877, due from this acco nt.	25 21		
Paid on account Minutes, 1876,.....	40 00		
Paid ½ expense of printing 500 copies Treasurer's report,..... ...	5 00		
Paid ½ expense printing 800 postal cards for Rev. J. B. Richardson,....	5 00		
Paid expenses Dr. Pritchard to Beulah Association, ...	5 00		
Charges on money received on this account,.....	13	3,718 33	
On hand,.....		4 57	
N. C. Baptist Students' Aid Association:			
Amount received,...		21 56	21 56
Paid order Rev. W. B. Royall, Treas.,		10 56	
On hand,.....		11 00	
Sunday Schools:			
On hand at last report,.....	10 81		
Amount received prior to organization of S. S. Board of 1877,....	88 06	98 87	
Amount received since the organization of S. S. Board of 1877,.....		1,600 20	1,699 07
		1,699 07	
Paid Rev. J. K. Howell, Sunday School Missionary, employed by S. S. Board of 1876, on account of his salary and travelling expenses,.....	98 87		
Paid Rev. J. K. Howell, by order of S. S. Board of 1877, balance of salary and travelling expenses due to him from S. S. Board of 1876,.....	275 45		
Paid on other accounts, ...	1,042 50	1,416 82	
On hand,.....		282 25	
			$10,142 73

JOHN G. WILLIAMS,
Treas. Baptist State Convention of N. C.

Raleigh, N. C., November 7th, 1877.

The Chair announced the following Committees:

On Recommendations of Sunday School Board.—N. B. Broughton, E. Frost, J. B. Boone, J. B. Taylor and B. Oliver.

On Time and Place of Next Session.—J. B. Marsh, W. H. H. Lawhon and J. A. Stradley.

To Nominate Preachers for Next Session.—R P. Thomas, H. A. Reams and John Armstrong.

On Periodicals.—T. H. Pritchard, S. M. Collis and R. H. Moody.

To Nominate Sunday School Board.—A. D. Cohen, T. Dixon and W. R. Gwaltney.

To Nominate Board of Missions.—F. H. Ivey, P. A. Dunn and N. B. Cobb.

To Nominate Board of Education.—L. R. Mills, A. L. Stough and F. H. Jones.

On Obituaries.—W. M. Kennedy, A. C. Dixon and John W. Mitchell.

Religious Exercises.—Pastor and Deacons of Durham Church.

Convention then adjourned, with religious exercises, to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

November 8th, 1877.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., the President in the Chair, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. M. Heck:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to suggest amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Convention, with instructions to report at its next session.

Remarks were made upon the same by Brethren Boone, Cobb, Heck and James, when, a vote being taken, the resolution was rejected.

Visiting brethren, J. A. Mundy, T. Harrison, John Watson and Nathaniel Norwood were welcomed to seats in the Convention.

The hour for the special order having arrived, that portion of the report of the Board of Missions having relation to State Missions was taken up and ably discussed by Brethren Bailey, Boone, James, Graham, Cobb, Jordan, Griffith, Pace and Hufham.

Pending a vote upon the adoption of the report, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. Benediction by Elder Hufham.

Afternoon Session.

Vice-President Graham called the Convention to order. Prayer by Elder James.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Canvention, appeared and was welcomed to a seat in the Convention.

Consideration of the report on State Missions was resumed.

Remarks by Brethren Clements, Allen, Fulford, Wingate, Oliver, Kennedy, Whitfield, Powell, Richardson and Pritchard.

The previous question was called for and sustained.

The main question was put and the report adopted.

The Committee to Nominate a Board of Missions reported, through its Chairmain, Elder Ivey, the following:

W. H. Pace, T. H. Pritchard, Jacob S. Allen, A. M. Lewis, W. D. Watson, E. Frost, W. W. Vass, J. Womble, Jr., C. M. Cooke, C. B. Edwards, F. H. Jones, Eugene Harrell, Haynes Lennon, C. T. Bailey, J. M. Heck, R R. Overby, John Armstrong, J. A. Mundy, J. S. Bridgers, T. H. Briggs, J. P. Mason, Moses Gillam, F. M. Meadows, J. H. Alford, W. B. Clements, A. D. Blackwood, N. B. Broughton, J. Jenkins, C. B. Justice, J. D. Hufham, F. P. Hobgood, I. W. Thomas, J. L. Stewart, J. M. Breughton, E. L. Davis, W. J. Tolar and T. B. Henry.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Education was read, and the consideration of the same made the Special Order for Friday Afternoon at 2 o'clock:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In making this our annual report we feel called upon to express our gratitude to God for the many tokens we have had during the year of His goodness and guidance. We began the year in debt and were forced to reduce the number of our beneficiaries, for a time, to some five or six. Experience has taught us that this, under the circumstances, was the better course. As soon as all claims against us had been met, and the way was somewhat clear before us, we began to enlarge our work—adding one by one to the number of those sustained by our funds. In this way fifteen young brethren have been aided by the Board during the year, and we believe that the Christian character and progress in study of these young men will compare favorably with those of any in former years connected with the Board.

All things considered, our Agent, Prof. L. R. Mills, has had wonderful success in reaching the people. Largely by his own exertions, but partly by agencies employed upon his recommendation, with but little expense, quite a handsome sum has been raised for ministerial education. Nevertheless, as he himself has often remarked at the meetings of the Board, Bro. Mills has been able to do only a desultory kind of work, striking now and then a blow, making here and there a breach along the lines, while the great body of the Baptists of the State he has barely touched. It may be a matter of interest to know that his labors have been performed with scarcely any neglect of his college duties—his absences being confined, with few exceptions, to Saturdays and Sundays, and his classes being, as far as possible, provided for in case of protracted absence. We would not fail, at this point, to make special mention of the faithful and efficient services rendered by Bro. R. T. Vann, as the agent of the Board, for some months, in the Chowan Association; and also of the valuable work done by Bro. J. M. Hilliard, a voluntary agent, in the collection of funds.

One matter has impressed itself upon the Board as worthy of special consideration at this session of the Convention. The fact is more or less known to us all that there are numbers of young men in the State who give evidence of piety and of being called of God to preach the Gospel, and who yet are ignorant of even the rudiments of a plain English Education. They see no way of going to college and taking a regular course, their age being such, or their deficiencies reaching down so low; and therefore all thought of education is abandoned. Now, is there no remedy for this state of things? This is a question which, it seems to us, we can afford no longer to evade. The cause of Christ is suffering. False and fanciful interpreta-

tions of Scripture, dangerous perversions of plain, simple facts and statements are perpetrated from sheer ignorance of the elements of history and geography and the common import of language. To rely, to any extent, upon the common schools, in their present condition, to effect anything at this point, we believe to be out of the question. The only plan that suggests itself to us, is to provide at the college, or at first-class schools, elementary instruction for as many of these young brethren as possible, the course to extend over one or two years, according to the exigencies of the case.

We feel that no subject of graver importance or of more vital connection with our prosperity as a denomination can claim your attention, and we hope it will receive the consideration it manifestly deserves at your hands.

The following is the financial exhibit for the year 1876-'77:

Cash in hands of W. B. Royall, Treasurer of the Board, Nov. 15th, 1876,.....	$ 45 97	
Received from Treasurer of the Convention, from Nov. 15th, 1876, to Nov. 3rd, 1877,.....	1,691 99	
Total,....		$ 1,737 96
Paid to Jno. G. Williams, Treasurer of Convention, the amount advanced by him, personally, to the Board,.....	$ 152 50	
Paid Rev. C. T. Bailey for services performed for the Board in 1875-'76,...	188 65	
Paid out for current expenses, from Nov. 15th, 1876, to Nov. 5th, 1877,.....	1,393 21	
Total,....		$ 1,734 36
Balance in hands of W. B. Royall, Treasurer, ...		$ 3 60

Besides this, the Board has on hand contributions in kind, not yet disposed of, amounting in value to some $60, and making near $1,800 raised for Education during the year. With these assets the liabilities of the Board, to Nov. 1st, amount to something like $100.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

W. B. ROYALL, *Secretary & Treasurer.*

The Committee appointed to Nominate the Board of Education, reported as follows:

W. T. Brooks, W. M. Wingate, J. S. Purefoy, C. E. Taylor, W. B.

Royall, C. W. Scarborough, W. G. Simmons, A. R. Vann, L. Chappell, J. M. Brewer, W. B. Smith, F. M. Purefoy, P. A. Dunn, W. Holding, L. C. Dunn, L. R. Mills.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Dr. Pritchard submitted the following:

Resolved, That the Convention has heard with pleasure of the formation of the Central Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies of the State, and the good work it has accomplished.

Resolved, That we commend this enterprise, which has as its end the development of the gifts and graces of the christian women of the State, as worthy of the confidence and support of all ministers and churches.

Resolved, That we cordially invite this Committee to report the work they may be able to accomplish to this Convention at its Annual Sessions.

The resolutions elicited a discussion which was participated in by Brethren Pritchard, Kennedy, Kerr, Marsh, Hufham, James, Collis, Crutchfield, Mills, Whitfield, Durham and Scarborough, when, pending its consideration, the Convention, on motion of Bro. Jordan, adjourned to meet at 7 P. M. Benediction by Elder Griffith.

Night Session.

The Convention re-assembled according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Collis of the Western Convention.

The consideration of the resolutions offered by Dr. Pritchard was resumed.

After further remarks by Brethren Mills, Collis, Clements, Kennedy, Durham, Griffith,

Moved by Bro. Frost that the matter be postponed and be the Special Order for Saturday at 9½ o'clock.

On motion of Elder Durham, the subject of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was made the Special Order for Saturday at 10 o'clock.

It was moved and carried that the report of the Sunday School Board, so far as it relates to the recommendations submitted to the Special Committee, be taken up.

Whereupon the committee reported as follows:

1st. We see no reason why the location of the Board should be changed.
2d. We leave the details of the office work to the Board.
3d. We endorse the suggestion for a State Sunday School Convention.

Consideration of the report was postponed until the Special Order at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Convention then adjourned, with benediction.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

November 9th, 1877.

The President called the Convention to order, after the usual devotional exercises.

The report of the Committee on Recommendations of the Sunday School Board, submitted at the night session of the 8th, was taken up and adopted.

Dr. Pritchard arose to a question of personal privilege, and made explanation in regard to the debate of yesterday.

Elder N. B. Cobb submitted the following, and the same was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to append to the Minutes a list of the Churches belonging to the Associations co-operating with the Convention, with their Pastors, Clerks, Post-offices and Statistics, and that he mail to each Church Clerk two or more copies of the Minutes as soon as issued from the press.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the consideration of the report of the Sunday School Board was taken up.

On motion of Bro. R. D. Graham, the report was amended by striking out that section of the report recommending a removal of the Board to the city of Wilmington.

Pending the motion to adopt, remarks were made by Brethren James, Whitfield, Cohen, Allen, Jones, Jordan, Savage, Heck and Blackwood.

The President addressed the Convention on the subject, Vice-President Graham being called to the Chair.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the Convention adjourned with benediction.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 P. M. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Marsh.

The Chair announced the Report on Ministerial Education as the Special Order, and the Secretary read the same.

Remarks were offered by Brethren Mills, Pace, C. E. Taylor, Wingate, J. B. Taylor, J. S. Purefoy, Pritchard and C. W. Scarborough, after which a subscription was taken up and the sum of one thousand one hundred and three dollars and forty-five cents ($1,103.45) contributed to the maintenance of Ministerial Education at Wake Forest College.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the Convention adjourned to meet in Mass Meeting on Foreign Missions at 7 P. M.

Night Session.

The Convention met in Mass Meeting at the appointed hour. Song of gratitude to God for his mercies. Prayer by Elder J. B. Taylor.

The Chair announced the purpose of the Mass Meeting to be the consideration of Foreign Missions, and introduced the Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Missionary to China and representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, who addressed the meeting on the subject at issue, relating many interesting facts in relation to his personal work in China. He was followed by the President, and Brethren Powell, Dodson and Cobb. A subscription was taken up amounting to $91.97.

It was agreed, and so announced by the Chair, that a Mass Meeting would be held on Saturday night in the interests of Wake Forest College. Whereupon the Convention adjourned till to-morrow at 9 A. M. Benediction by Elder J. B. Taylor.

FOURTH DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, Nov. 10th, 1877.

The Convention was called to order at the usual hour.

President Kerr in the Chair.

The usual devotional exercises held, and the Convention proceeded to business.

The hour for the Special Order having arrived, the Chair announced the business before the Convention to be the consideration of the resolution offered by Dr. Pritchard, on Thursday, in regard to Woman's Mission Societies.

Dr. Pritchard offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the Convention has heard with pleasure of the formation of the Central Committee of the Woman's Mission Societies of the State, and the good work it has accomplished.

Resolved, That we commend this enterprise, which has as its end the de-

velopment of the gifts and graces of the women of our churches as worthy of the confidence and support of our Ministers and Churches.

Resolved, That we cordially invite this Committee to report the work the Societies organized in the churches may be able to do to this Convention at its Annual Sessions.

Moved by Bro. Boone that the whole matter be referred to the Board of Missions.

Discussed by Brethren Hufham, James, Scarborough, Pritchard, Heck and Pace.

Elder Ivey moved the previous question, which was sustained.

The main question was then put and the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The following was submitted by Elder Whitfield:

Your Committee, appointed to consider certain questions, would report:

As to the question: "*What is an Evangelist, and what is his work?*" An Evangelist, from the significance of the name, is a preacher of the Gospel. Since he is, in Eph. 4 : 11, distinguished from the pastor, we suppose him to be a preacher of the Gospel without those duties peculiar to pastors, viz: The oversight and training of churches by a permanent ministry.

Philip, "one of the seven," was an Evangelist; and it seems natural to suppose that the sketch of his ministry, in the 8th chapter of Acts, presents a picture of evangelistic work. He preached awhile at Samaria, went thence on "the way to Gaza," then was found at Azotus, and thence, "passing through, he published the good news to all the cities, till he came to Cæsera."

As to the question: "*Whether the office of an Evangelist scripturally exists?*" We see no reason why it should not.

As to "*Whether there is a demand for such work in our State*," this, in our opinion, is determined by the question, whether there are in the State communities which have not accepted the Gospel in its purity?

As to "*Who of this body are suitable and available men for such work?*" We answer: Such as are moved by their own impressions of duty, and are, in the judgment of the brethren, qualified to do this work.

As to "*What connection, if any, should they sustain to this Convention?*" We answer: If appointed by it, they should sustain the same relations as are sustained by its other Missionaries. But, in the opinion of this Com-

mittee, it is not expedient for this Convention or its Board of Missions to become responsible for the salary of any general Evangelist.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. WHITFIELD,
N. B. COBB,
F. H. JONES,
W. M. WINGATE,
R. H. MARSH,
T. H. PRITCHARD,
J. B. TAYLOR,
JOHN MITCHELL,
R. R. SAVAGE,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. A. D. Cohen, chairman of committee, submitted the following recommendations of the Sunday School Board:

J. M. Heck, C. E. Taylor, John E. Ray, B. P. Williamson, W. H. Dodd, J. C. Marcom, Jas. A. Briggs, J. M. Pool, T. Harrison, W. W. Vass, S. W. Brewer, J. M. White, John G. Williams, P. A. Dunn, Jno. W. Cole, T. F. Eaton, J. A. Delk, W. R. Gwaltney, Mike Whitley, L. O. Lougee, Johnston Olive, J. S. Allen, N. B. Broughton, T. H. Briggs, Jr., J. P. Pritchard, Jr., C. Durham, Noah Biggs, C. B. Edwards, W. G. Upchurch, W. J. Hicks, Eugene G. Harrell, J. K. Howell, J. L. Markham, R. D. Graham, W. A. French, John Watson, J. W. Taylor, J. D. Hufham, J. B. Taylor.

On motion, Rev. A. D. Cohen was added to the Board, when the report was unanimously adopted.

The following report of the Finance Committee, submitted by Bro. W. A. Graham, was read and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report the following amounts received for the objects respectively named:

Foreign Missions,	$ 188 35
State Missions,	79 22
Education,	23 52
Sunday Schools,	24 97
Total amount received,	$ 316 96

W. A. GRAHAM,
E. FROST,
JACOB S. ALLEN,
Committee.

Elder Whitfield introduced the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention, having heard with pleasure of the Evangelistic labors of our beloved brother, Elder F. M. Jordan, and of the blessings of our Lord upon them, do hereby give thanks to our God for these labors, and commend our brother to such churches as may desire the assistance of an Evangelist.

The special hour having arrived, the Convention took into consideration the claims of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and were addressed by Elder R. H. Griffith, agent for the Seminary, and by Dr. Pritchard and Eld. J. B. Boone. A collection was then taken up, and the sum of two hundred and twenty-two dollars ($222) contributed.

On motion of Elder Bailey, the report on Periodicals was made the special order for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Your Committee would recommend that the next Annual Session of this body be held with the Baptist Church in Charlotte, beginning at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday before the 2d Sunday in November, 1878.

J. B. MARSH,
J. A. STRADLEY,
W. H. LAWHON,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Elder Hufham introduced the following:

WHEREAS, The church at Statesville, which was founded under the auspices of this Convention, is engaged in building a house of worship for the Lord; and

WHEREAS, They are unable to finish up the work without aid from abroad; therefore

Resolved, That we commend their efforts to advance God's glory, and that we, now and here, give substantial tokens of our interest in the work.

After remarks by Brethren Boone, Allen, Heck and others,

subscriptions were received towards the completion of the Church, and the sum of three hundred and ninety-four dollars and nine cents ($394.09) was raised.

On motion the Convention adjourned, with benediction by Elder Bailey.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock, Vice-President Clements in the chair. Prayer by Elder Kennedy.

The committee on Periodicals submitted the following report through its chairman, Dr. Pritchard:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

While it is a gratifying fact that the circulation of the *Recorder*, our State Organ, was never so large as at present, we regret to say that its patronage is, by no means, so great as the interests of the denomination and merits of the journal demand.

As an educating, organizing, missionary and collecting agency, we have no instrumentality, save that of the Gospel ministry, equal to the *Recorder*, and we regard it as essential to ministerial success, church efficiency and an excellent auxiliary to personal piety.

Other papers we may take and enjoy as luxuries, but the *Recorder* is a necessity to our people, and no Baptist in North Carolina, in our judgment, can excuse himself in not taking the *Recorder*.

We would, therefore, earnestly commend this excellent paper so worthy of the confidence and support of all our people, and should rejoice to know that it had ten thousand subscribers.

We also desire to mention as excellent helps to Sunday School work *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., by Rev. S. Boykin; and *The Baptist Teacher*, issued by the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia.

We are also glad to state that the *Foreign Mission Journal*, once so great a favorite with our people, has been revived and is published in Richmond, Va., at very low rates, and is commended as an excellent auxiliary in promoting the interests of Foreign Missions.

T. H. PRITCHARD,
R. H. MOODY,
S. M. COLLIS,
Committee.

Pending a motion to adopt, remarks were made by Elder C. T. Bailey, Prof. Redd, Judge Kerr, Elders J. B. Hartwell, J. B. Richardson, A. D. Cohen, and J. D. Hufham.

The report was unanimously adopted.

Elder F. H. Ivey introduced the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Our attention has been called by the report of the Education Board to the numbers of young men who are entering our ministry with very limited education:

Resolved, That we commend to the special care of the Board this class of young ministers, and urge that as many as possible of these young men be sustained at the College, even for a short period of time.

2nd. That we recommend to the Board of Trustees, if in their judgment it be judicious to provide, by the employment of a tutor or otherwise, for the instruction of these men.

Remarks by Elders F. H. Ivey, R. R. Savage, Dr. W. M. Wingate, Elder W. M. Kennedy and Profs. Taylor and Redd.

The resolutions were adopted.

The following resolutions were introduced and unanimously passed:

WHEREAS, There are a large number of worthy young men in the State of North Carolina, who earnestly desire a Collegiate Education, but have not the requisite pecuniary means for securing that desirable object; and

WHEREAS, many of these young men are willing and anxious to borrow upon good security such sums of money as would be necessary to carry them through the regular course of study at Wake Forest College; and

WHEREAS, inestimable blessings woulda ccrue to the State at large, and to our College and Denomination especially, from the diffusion of higher education throughout all classes of our citizens, particularly this class; and

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom and goodness has ordained that the poor we shall always have with us, and that whenever we will we may do them good; and

WHEREAS, we believe that it is our duty to lend a helping hand to this class of young men, and that the North Carolina Baptist Student's Aid Association is a channel through which our efforts to this end will be potent for good; therefore

Resolved, That we commend this organization and its agent, Bro. J. W. Denmark, as worthy of the support of the denomination.

The committee to nominate preachers for the next Convention recommended for

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Rev. J. A. Mundy; Alternate, Rev. J. B. Marsh.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—Rev. C. E. Taylor; Alternate, Rev. A. C. Dixon.

Convention adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention assembled at the appointed hour. Elder J. J. James in the chair. Hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood." Led in prayer by Elder J. A. Stradley.

On motion of Elder F. M. Jordan, the report of the committee to nominate officers of the Convention was reconsidered, so far as it relates to the name of Bro. John G. Williams as Treasurer.

Elder J. S. Purefoy stated that it would be impossible for Bro. Williams to perform the duties of the office on account of ill-health, and thereupon nominated Bro. N. B. Broughton to fill the vacancy.

Bro. Broughton was unanimously elected.

Elder W. M. Kennedy submitted the following

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

Since our last annual meeting the Lord has called from his labors on earth, to his new one in Heaven, our brother, Rev. W. T. Walters, D. D., of Wake Forest. As your committee have not the data at hand to enable them to prepare a suitable notice of the life and labors of so distinguished and useful a brother, and as one has been prepared and published in the *Biblical Recorder*, your committee would call attention to said article and recommend it as suitable and worthy of a place in the minutes of this Convention.

Elder Wm. Oakley was born April 5, 1805. Baptized at Tar River

Church at 16; ordained at 19; organized a good many churches; received an average of $42 a year for preaching. He was educated by Gen. Bryant of Oxford. He died without sickness, Sept. 7, 1876.

W. M. KENNEDY,
JNO. MITCHELL,
A. C. DIXON,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. S. Allen, the names of Brothers J. A. Stradley, B. F. Hester and W. H. Kitchen were added to the Sunday School Board.

On motion of Elder J. D. Hufham, the names of Elder F. R. Underwood and Bros. Noah Biggs and Wm. Biggs were added to the Board of Missions.

The hour for the Special Order being announced, the subject of the Endowment of Wake Forest College was taken up and the Convention addressed by Elders R. H. Marsh, C. E. Taylor, J. D. Hufham and J. S. Purefoy.

Elder J. B. Richardson was nominated for the position of Corresponding Secretary by Elder Ivey, and unanimously elected.

On motion of Dr. Pritchard the following delegates were appointed to represent this Convention in the Western Baptist Convention :

R. H. Griffith, C. T. Bailey, W. M. Kennedy, J. B. Boone, T. H. Pritchard, J. C. Scarborough, N. B. Cobb, J. D. Hufham, J. A. Mundy, W. B. Clements, J. H. Booth, J. J. James, J. S. Allen, J. B. Richardson.

Amended by all other members who should be present to be considered as delegates.

The following resolutions were introduced by Bro. Wm. Biggs and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, The Baptist State Convention now in session at Durham, fully appreciating the hospitable efforts of its citizens in entertaining its members, do hereby tender its thanks to the good citizens of Durham and vicinity, and will ever remember with pleasure its sojourn in their midst.

Resolved, That the Convention also acknowledges with pleasure the enterprise and energy of the Raleigh and Durham papers, having reporters upon the floor, and appreciates the accuracy and completeness of their daily reports.

Resolved, That to our brethren of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Durham our thanks are due and are hereby tendered for the use of their edifices, and other kindnesses, during the session of this body.

Resolved, That the Convention tender its thanks to the respective Railroads of the State for the courtesy of passing its delegates at reduced rates.

On motion, it was resolved that the collections to be taken up to-morrow (Sunday) should be appropriated to the Board of State Missions.

Moved and adopted that the Secretary have 1,500 copies of the minutes of this session of the Convention printed and distributed.

Whereupon the Convention adjourned, with the benediction being pronounced by Dr. Pritchard.

SABBATH.

At the Baptist Church, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Sabbath School Mass Meeting, conducted by Jacob S. Allen.

Addressed by C. E. Taylor, A. D. Blackwood, C. W. Scarborough, Jno. E. Ray, N. B. Cobb, W. J. Fulford, W. H. Kitchen, A. D. Cohen, S. M. Collis and W. H. Pace.

Pledges were received for $510.00 by the sale of Life Certificates, part of the assets of the Sunday School Board.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. M. Wingate, D.D.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Women's Meeting, addressed by Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. T. H. Pritchard and others.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. J. J. James.

At the Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., preaching by Rev. R. H. Marsh.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. Theo. Whitfield.

At the Presbyterian Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., preaching by Rev. R. H. Griffith.

At 4 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. N. B. Cobb.

At the Baptist Church, (colored,) at 11 o'clock, A. M., preaching by Rev. W. M. Kennedy.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. S. M. Collis.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., preaching by Rev. J. B. Marsh.

At the Methodist Church, (colored,) at 11 o'clock, A. M., preaching by Rev. R. H. Moody.

The Convention adjourned *sine die.*

JOHN KERR, PRESIDENT.

J. D. HUFHAM, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM BIGGS, *Assistant Secretary.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.*

I have examined the accounts of Jno. G. Williams, Treasurer Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, for the year ending Nov. 7, 1877, and find the same correct, and supported by proper vouchers.

W. W. VASS, *Auditor.*

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 23d, 1877.

*This report was not in the hands of the Printer in time to be inserted after the Report of the Treasurer, where it properly belongs.

LIFE MEMBERS

OF THE

N. C. Baptist State Convention,

By the payment of $30 at one time, according to amendment to Constitution made in Convention at Oxford, October 22nd, 1849.

Those marked thus * are dead.

ALLEN, J. S. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
ALLEN, MATTIE O. ..... Raleigh, "
ALLEN, W. O. ..... Asheville, "
AMIS, RUFUS .....

BAILEY, Elder C. T. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
BALDWIN, Elder MOSES ..... Huntsville, N. C.
BALLENGER, W. S. .....
BEACHUM, Elder E. F. ..... Franklinton. N. C.
*BELCHER, Elder F. A. ..... Edgefield C. H., S. C.
*BENNETT, Elder MARK ..... Whitaker's, N. C.
BENNETT, Elder D. K. ..... Lumberton, "
BIDDLE, MARY E. ..... Fort Barnwell, N. C.
*BIDDLE, S. S. ..... Fort Barnwell, "
BINGHAM, AMY. .....
BLACKWOOD, Elder A. D. ..... Cary, N. C.
BLAKE, THOS. W. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
BLOUNT, MARTHA .....
BLOUNT, REBECCA .....
BOGART, Elder C. P. .....
BONNER, Mrs. E. .....
BREWER, J. M. ..... Wake Forest College, N. C.
BROOKS, Elder W. T. ..... Wake Forest College, "

BROUGHTON, N. B. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
BROUGHTON, CAROLINA R. ..... Raleigh, "
BRIGGS, T. H. Jr., ... Raleigh, "
BRIGGS, SARAH GRANDY ..... Raleigh, "

CALLENDINE, M. B ..... Raleigh, N. C.
CALLENDINE, MRS. M. B ..... Raleigh, "
*CARVER, JOB ..... Forestville, N. C.
CARROLL, Elder J. L. ..... Warrenton, Va.
*CLARK, E. ..... Newbern, N. C.
CHAPEL, EDWARD ..... Raleigh, "
COBB, Elder J. H .....
CRENSHAW, Dr. W. M ..... Louisburg, N. C.
COHEN, Elder A. D. ..... Edenton, "
*CONNELLY, Elder P. C. .....
COOK, W. L .....

DALBY, E. ..... Durham, N. C.
DELKE, Prof, J A ..... Murfreesboro', N. C.
DEANS, J. T. .....
DEANS, SUSANNA .....
DEVIN, Elder R. I. ..... Young's Cross Roads, N. C.
DODD, ROXANA M. ..... Raleigh, N. C.
DODSON, Elder E. .....
*DOCKERY, A. .....
DOUGLAS, MARTIN .....
DICKSON, Elder J. W. ..... Flemington, N. C.
DUNN, J. R ..... Forestville, "
DUNN, P. A. ..... Wake Forest College, N. C.
DUNN, S. H. ..... Forestville, N. C.
DUNN. W. B. ..... Forestville, "
DURHAM, Elder C. ..... Durham, "
DURHAM, Dr. L. N. ..... Shelby, "

ELLIS, C. D. ..... Edenton, N. C.
ELLIS, J. W. ..... Whiteville, "
EDWARDS, C. B. ..... Raleigh, "

FAISON, A. M. ..... Warsaw, N. C.
FOOTE, J. H. ..... Wilkesboro', N. C.
*FORT, J. H. ..... Forestville, "
FOWLER, H. D. .....
FURLOW, DAVID. .....

GODWIN, B... ....Lumberton, N. C.
GRAHAM, SUSAN W. ....Hillsboro', "
GRIFFITH, ELDER R. H..... .....Charlotte, "
GRADY, SUSAN.....
GRAYSON, ELDER J. C... ..... .Bridgewater, N. C.
GRANDY, W. S..... .....Oxford, "
GWALTNEY, W. R..... ...Raleigh, N. C.

HICKS, S. S.... .....
*HACKNEY, ELDER B. J..... ...
HENDRICKSON, ELDER C. R.....Jackson, Tenn.
HESTER, H..... ....
HIGH, DELANA..... .. ..
HILL, ELDER G. W..... .....Whiteville, N. C.
HADEN, JAS. W..... .....Linwood, "
HICKS, J. A..... ....
HORNE, S. R..... .....Clayton, N. C.
*HORTON, ELDER L. B..... .....
HILLIARD, J. M..... .....
*HOLDER, ISHAM..... .....
*HALSEY, JOSEPH..... ....
HECK, MINNIE C... ....Raleigh, N. C.
HECK, J. M..... ..... " "
HECK, GEORGE... .... " "
HECK, MRS. MATTIE..... ..... " "
HECK, MISS M. LOULA..... " "
HOWELL, ELDER EDWARD..... .....Reynoldson, N. C.
HOWELL, ELDER J. K.....Kinston, N. C.
HOWELL, VIRGINIA C..... .... " "
HOWELL, J. M... .....Kittrell's, "
HARDWICK, ELDER J. B..... ..Leavenworth, Kansas.
HOWARD, JOSEPH... ... .
HOWARD, S. L..... ....
HIDEN, ELDER J. C..... .....Greenville, S. C.
*HOOPER, ELDER W.....Chapel Hill, N. C.
HUFHAM, ELDER J. D.....Raleigh, "

IVEY, ELDER F. H.....Goldsboro', "
IVEY, RUFUS J.....Raleigh, "

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WOMBLE, W. T. ..... " "
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WOODARD, SARAH. .....

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YATES, Mrs. M. T. ..... " "
YOUNG, Elder C. B. ..... Sardis, Miss.

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1. Beulah Association.

1. CREWS, R. M..... Germantown, N. C.
2. FONTAINE, P. H..... Reidsville, "
3. FONTAINE, WM. S..... " "
4. GOURLEY, ROBERT..... Winston, "
5. JONES, F. H..... Yanceyvillee, "
6. OLIVER, P..... Little Yadkin, "
7. TERRELL, JULIUS..... Francisco, "

2. Brier Creek Association.

1. ADAMS, W. F..... Roaring River, N. C.
2. ADAMS, J. P..... Jonesville, "
3. BARKER, A. N..... New Hope, "
4. BROWN, C. C..... Hamptonville, "
5. BURCHYM, G. M..... Elkin, "
6. CHEEK, H..... Trap Hill, "
7. COMER, J. Q..... " "
8. DOWELL, W..... Olin, "
9. GILREATH, A..... York Institute, "
10. GOFORTH, S. S..... Zimmerman, "
11. GOODIN, A. H..... Sweet Home, "
12. GRAY, W. F..... Hamptonville, "
13. GWALTNEY, L. B..... York Institute, "
14. GWYN, E. N..... Elkin, "
15. HARRIS, W..... Judesvillee, "
16. HOLLER, I..... Zimmerman, "
17. HUGHES, J..... Elkin, "

18. JORDAN, Y.....New Hope, N. C.
19. LOGAN, R. P.....Sweet Home, "
MYERS, W. A.....Zion, "
21. PARDIEU, W. H.....Elkin, "
22. PARRIS, T. W.....Eagle Mills, "
23. PRIVETTE, I. T.....Wilkesboro', "
24. REDMAN, A.....New Hope, "
25. ROSE, J. K.....Elkin, "
26. SEGRAVES, W.....Jonesville, "
27. WOOTEN, R. W.....New Castle, "
28. WRIGHT, T.....Zimmerman, "

3. Brown Creek Association.

1. BENNETT, J. L.....Beaver Dam, N. C.
2. BIVENS, J. A.....Monroe, "
3. BRASSINGTON, J. T.....Monroe, "
4. CAUDLE, A.....Lanesboro, "
5. DAVIS, E. L.....Olive Branch "
6. DAVIS, A. C.....Olive Branch, "
7. DAVIS, J. W.....Polkton, "
8. GURGANIOUS, J. W.....Wadesboro, "
9. HARMON, G. W.....Wadesboro', "
10. JAMES, B. H.....Olive Branch, "
11. KING, H. B.....Fulwood's Store, "
12. MORTON, S. D.....Ansonville, "
13. OWENS, W. C.....Monroe, "
14. PHIFER, A..... " "
15. SNIDER, D. A.....Monroe, "
16. WHEELER, J.....Monroe, "

4. Brushy Mountain Association.

1. GREEN, J. B.....York Collegiate Institute.
2. GREENE, G. W.....Moravian Falls, N. C.
3. GREER, J. B.....
4. HAYNES, I. N.....Della Plains, N. C.
5. HERMAN, D. C.....
6. KEARLY, JAMES.....Taylorsville, "
7. JOHNSTON, A.....Jefferson, "
8. LAND, L.....
9. McNEIL, JAMES.....Wilkesboro, "
10. OXFORD, I.....Taylorsville, "

11. POOL, C. C.....Taylorsville, N. C.
12. POOL, J. B.....Taylorsville, "
13. POOL, W. A.....Taylorsville, "
14. POOLE, WM.....Taylorsville, "
15. POWELL, J. B.....Lenoir, "
16. SHELL, J. T.....
17. STEELE, R. L.....Taylorsville, "
18. SMITH, L.....
19. THOMAS, I. W.....Stony Point, "
20. WEST, J. H.....Little River, "
21. WILBORN, D.....Maple Springs, "

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5. Cape Fear Association.

1. AYRES, D. B.....Red Bank, N. C.
2. BARLOW, J. B.....Wilmington, "
3. BEASLEY, J. J.....W lmington, "
4. BENNETT, D. K.....Lumberton, "
5. BLANTON, J. H.....Fair Bluff, "
6. COLLINS, S. D.....Antioch, "
7. DOW, D. B.....Lumberton, "
8. EDWARDS, A. A.....Easy Hill, "
9. HILL, G. W.....Whiteville, "
10. HILBUN, L. W.....Robeson's, "
11. KIRTON, J. W.....Gallivant's Ferry, S. C.
12. LENNON, HAYNES.....Bladenboro, N. C.
13. LENNON, J. P.....Robeson's, "
14. MARTIN, NORMAN.....Red Bank, "
15. McMILLAN, D. C.....Red Bank, "
16. MERCER, NOAH.....Lumberton, "
17. PITTMAN, A. R.....Lumberton, "
18. PREVATT, FORNEY.....Lumberton, "
19. PREVATT, F. A.....Lumberton, "
20. RAY, D. J.....Whiteville, "
21. REGISTER, J. M.....White Hall, "
22. SESSOMS, R. M.....Lumberton, "
23. STONE, ISHAM.....Lumberton, "
24. THOMPSON, J. R.....Conwayboro, S. C.

6. Catawba River Association.

1. ABERNATHY, WM.....Happy Home, N. C.

2. BRUMFIELD, J. ..... Dallas, N. C.
3. BUMGARNER, J. ..... Knob Creek, "
4. CARPENTER, D. ..... Double Shoal, "
5. CONWAY, D. W. ..... Happy Home, "
6. HILDERBRAND, A ..... Warlick's Mill, "
7. HILDERBRAND, I. M. ..... Woodlawn, "
8. MACOMSON, M. V. ..... Morganton, "
9. MARTIN, B. H. ..... Happy Home, "
10. MOODY, R. H. ..... Collettsville, "
11. POE, E. A. ..... Lenoir, "
12. PREWITT, N. ..... Knob Creek, "
13. WHITENER, P. A. ..... Morganton, "
14. WILKIE, G. J. ..... Catawba Station, "

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7. Cedar Creek Association.

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1. ALDERMAN, A. B. ..... Hawley's Store, N. C.
2. BEASLEY, J. M. ..... Fayetteville, "
3. BRYAN, L. ..... Blockersville, "
4. BUIE, D. A. ..... Fayetteville, "
5. EASON, F. W. ..... Fayetteville, "
6. JOHNSON, E. D. ..... St. Paul's, "
7. MELVIN, W. S. ..... White Oak, "
8. MERCER, N. ..... Lumberton, "
9. NEWTON, C. C. ..... Herringsville, "
10. NEWTON, R. ..... Manchester, "
11. PAGE, W. M. ..... Hawley's Store, "
12. SMITH, J. ..... Blockersville, "
13. SPIVEY, H. S ..... Clinton, "
14. WEST, W. C. ..... Fayetteville, "

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8. Central Association.

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3. HOCUT, J. C. ..... Dayton, N. C.
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5. PRITCHARD, T. H., D.D. ..... Raleigh, "
6. PUREFOY, A. F. ..... Wake Forest College, N. C.
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8. ROYALL, W. B. ..... " " " "
9. TAYLOR, C. E. ..... " " " "
10. WINGATE, W. M., D. D. ..... " " " "
11. WRIGHT, W. L. ..... Troy, N. C.

9. Chowan Association.

1. ASKEW, WILLIAMSON.....Winton, N. C.
2. BABB, T. W.....Gatesville, "
3. BARBER, B. F.....Windsor, "
4. BRIGGS, WELLS.....Manteo, "
5. BUNCH, E.....Gatesville, "
6. BUNCH, JERE.....Windsor, "
7. COHEN, A. D.....Edenton, "
8. FLEETWOOD, ...Margaretsville, "
9. HARRISON, T.....Apex, "
10. HOGGARD, J. N.....Murfreesboro, "
11. HOGGARD, THOS.....Coleraine, "
12. HORTON, O. C.....Elizabeth City, "
13. HOWELL, ED.....Gatesville, "
14. KING, B. F.....Windsor, "
15. LEARY, WEST.....Edenton, "
16. LEE, J. H.....Murfreesboro, "
17. MAGET, E. L.....St. John's, "
18. McDOWELL, A.....Murfreesboro, "
19. MIZELL, L. M.....Windsor, "
20. OVERBY, R. R.....Elizabeth City, "
21. PARKER, H. B.....Murfreesboro, "
22. PEARCE, ED.....Merry Hill, "
23. ROBERTS, D. J.....Hertford, "
24. ROCHELLE, J. J.....Jackson, "
25. SANDERLIN, D.....Elizabeth City, "
26. SIMPSON, Q T..... " " "
27. SAVAGE, R. R.....Murfreesboro, "
28. VANN, R. T.....Scotland Neck, "
29. WHITE, W. J.....Merry Hill, "
30. WILLIAMS, B. B.....Coleraine, "

10. Eastern Association.

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2. BEST, GEO. S.....Kenansville, "
3. BEST, E. A.....Richlands, "
4. BLAND, WM.....Harrell's Store, "
5. BRITT, J. L.....Warsaw, "
6. CROOM, H. M.....Wallace, "
7. DUNCAN, H. J.....Clinton, "
8. FAISON, J. P.....Harrell's Store, "
9. HUFHAM, G. W.....Warsaw, "

10. IVEY, F. H. . . . . Goldsboro, N. C.
11. KENNEDY, W. M. . . . . Magnolia, "
12. KNIGHT, W. B. . . . . Swansboro, "
13. LEARY, T. J. . . . . Beaufort, "
14. MATTHEWS, O. M . . . . . Clinton, "
15. NELSON, C. J. . . . . Goldsboro, "
16. OLIVER, J. R. . . . . Mt. Olive, "
17. SANDLING, R. C. . . . . Beaufort, "
18. STALLINGS, J. N. . . . . Magnolia, "
19. STEWART, J. L. . . . . Clinton, "
20. TAYLOR, J. W . . . . . Newbern, "
21. TAYLOR, JAS. B. . . . . Wilmington, N. C.
22 UTLEY, J. . . . . Morehead City, "

11. Flat River Association.

1. DEVIN, R. I. . . . . Young's X Roads, N. C.
2. HORNER, T. J. . . . . Henderson, N. C.
3. MARSH, R. H. . . . . Oxford, "
4. MONTAGUE, E. J. . . . . Centre Grove, "
5. MONTAGUE, J. E. . . . . Bethel Hill, "
6. MONTAGUE, J. P. . . . . Tally Ho, "
7. STRADLEY, J. A. . . . . Oxford, "
8. UNDERWOOD, F. R. . . . . Oxford, "

12. French Broad Association.

1. AMMONS, JOHN. . . . . Morgan Hill, N. C.
2. ANDERSON, J. W. . . . . Mars Hill, "
3. BRIGHT, T. . . . . Marshall, "
4. BRIGGS, W. K. . . . . Ivy, "
5. BRADLEY, J. D. . . . . Vanceville, "
6. BRADLEY, W. T. . . . . Walnut Mountain,
7. DEWEESE, L. . . . . Mars Hill, N. C.
8. HOOKER, J. W. . . . . French Broad, "
9. McDEVITT, J. M. . . . . Marshall, "
10. METCALF, J. . . . . Ivy, "
11. McDEVITT, P. . . . . Marshall, "
12. MORGAN, S. J. . . . . Morgan Hill, "
13. PATTERSON, ROBERT. . . . . Stocksville, "
14. ROLLINS, T. J. . . . . Marshall, "
15. SAMS, L. W. . . . . Grantville, "
16. WHITT, JESSE. . . . . Mars Hill, "
17. WILD, J. R. . . . . Marshall, "
18. WALLEN, S. . . . . Marshall, "

13. Green River Association.

1. DAVIDSON, A. D. ..... Hicksville, N. C.
2. DENTON, J. R ..... Dysartsville, "
3. GRAYSON, J. C..... Dysartsville, "
4. HAMRI K, F. C..... Rutherfordton, "
5. HA RELL, H. D..... Burnt Chimney, "
6. HARRELL, W..... Burnt Chimney, "
7. HILL, WADE..... Rutherfordton, "
8. JUSTICE, C. B..... Rutherfordton, "
9. JUSTICE, T. B..... Mills' Spring, "
10. LOGAN, W. H..... Chimney Rock, "
11. LYNCH, A. O..... Green Hill, "
12. McCURRY, L..... Dysartsville, "
13. McFADDEN, J. T. ..... Rutherfordton, "
14. McMAHAN, A..... Burnt Chimney, "
15. ROLLINS, B. E..... First Broad, "
16. WILKIE, J..... Rutherfordton, "

14. King's Mountain Association. 4,424

1. DIXON, T..... Shelby, N. C.
2. ELAM, P. R ..... King's Mountain, "
3. JONES, J. J..... Mooresboro; "
4. McSWAIN, W..... Stice's Shoals, "
5. McSWAIN, L. H..... Oak Spring, "
7. McSWA N, C ..... Nicholsonville, "
8. MULLINAX, T. D. ..... Shelby, "
9. POSTON, R..... Shelby, "
10. ROL INS, G. W..... Mooresboro', "
11. SMITH, JOSEPH..... Mull's Grove, "
12. STOUGH, A. L..... Shelby, "
13. WEBB, G. M..... Shelby, "
14. YARBRO, J. H..... Burnt Chimney, "

15. Liberty Association.

1. HAMNER, W. H..... Lexington, N. C.
2. JAMES, J. J..... High Point, "
3. LANIER, BENJAMIN..... New Market, "
4. TURNER, WM ..... Salem, "
5. MOORE, R. A..... Thomasville, "
6. MORTON, H..... Gold Hill, "

7. RICHARDSON, J. B.....High Point, N. C.
8. ROPER, S. A.....Jackson Hill, "
9. STOKER, A. P.....Salem, "
10. THAYER, W. N.....Sanders' Hill, "
11. YARBRO, A.....Lexington, "

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16. Little River Association.

1. BETTS, ALLEN.....Winslow, N. C.
2. BROOKS, T.....Ore Hill, "
3. BRUNT, W.....Lillington, "
4. CAMPBELL, A. N.....Winslow, "
5. CHURCHILL, O.....Chalk Level, "
6. HUNT, T. J.....Norval, "
7. JUDD, H. D.....Jonesboro, "

17. Mount Zion Association.

1. BALDWIN, S.....Snipes' Store, N. C.
2. BOLAND, J.....Green Level, "
3. DIXON, A. C.....Chapel Hill, "
4. DURHAM, C.....Durham, "
5. FERRELL, M. S.....Green Level, "
6. FREEMAN, J. H.....Durham. "
7. HARRELL, W. B.....Hillsboro, "
8. HOWELL, JESSE.....Green Level, "
9. MASON, J. P.....Chapel Hill, "
10. MOORE, G. P.....Pittsboro, "
11. PATTERSON, R. A.....Oaks, "
12. PUREFOY, GEORGE W.....Chapel Hill, "
13. WILSON, JOHN C.....Merry Oaks, "
14. VERNON, J. H.....Cedar Grove, "

18. Pee Dee Association.

1. BENNETT, A. E.....Ansonville, N. C.
2. BOSTICK, W. M.....Bostick's Mill, "
3. COBB, N. B.....Lilesville, "
4. HEATHCOCK, U. F.....Albemarle, "
5. JORDAN, JAS.....Troy, "
6. LITTLETON, I. W.....Albemarle, "
7. LITTLETON, JAS. R.....Albemarle, "
8. McLENDON, J. J.....Ansonville, "

9. MONROE, JOHN.....Laurel Hill, N C.
10. SANDERS, B.....Lilesville, "
11. WRIGHT, D.....Troy, "
12. WILHOIT, G. O.....Ansonville, "

19. Raleigh Association.

1. BLACKWOOD, A. D.....Cary, N. C.
2. BABER, B. D.....Smithfield, "
3. DAVIS, J. D.....Smithfield, "
4. DOWELL, GEO. J.....Cary, "
5. ELLINGTON, J. C.....Clayton, "
6. HOLLEMAN, J. M.....Apex, "
7. HUFHAM, J. D.....Raleigh, "
8. IVEY, STINCEON.....Whiteville, "
9. LOVETT, W.....Princeton, "
10. MARCOM, JAMES C.....Ballentine's Mills, N. C.
11. NOWELL, W. C.....Eagle Rock, "
12. OLIVE, JOHNSON.....Holly Springs, "
13. RADFORD, LEVI.....Boon Hill, "
14. ROGERS, J. W. F.....Apex "
15. WEAVER, AMOS.....Clayton, "
16. YOUNG, T. W.....Morrisville, "

20. Roan Mountain Association.

1. BUCHANAN, J.....Bakersville, N. C.
2. BUCHANAN, H. L.....Bakersville, "
3. COLLIS, S. M.....Bakersville, "
4. COLLIS, JAS.....Bakersville, "
5. GREEN, S. M.....Bakersville, "
6. HONEYCUTT, SAM'L.....Burnsville, "
7. HONEYCUTT, S.....Burnsville, "
8. HONEYCUTT, W. A.....Ivy, "
9. PINNER, R.....Burnsville, "
10. ROBERTSON, W.....Ledger, "
11. SILVER, J.....Ledger, "
12. SILVER, T.....Burnsville, "

21. Rocky River Association.

1. CALOWAY, A. G.....Albemarle, N. C.
2. CARTER, B. H.....Albemarle, "
3. FOREMAN, C. C.....Albemarle, "
4. JAMES, R. H. H.....Olive Branch, "

5. LITTLETON, R. J ..... Albemarle, N. C.
6. RUSSELL, W. W ..... Albemarle, "
7. SOLOMON, W..... Albemarle, "
8. WHITLOCK, L. A..... Albemarle, "
9. WILLIAMS, E. C..... Clear Creek, "

22. Salem Association.

1. ALLISON, E ..... Davidson River, "
2. BECK, A. W..... Davidson River, "
3. BOWEN, N..... Hendersonville, "
4. BROOKS, G. W..... Brevard, "
5. ISRAEL, D. Y..... Laurel Fork, "
6. JONES, R. T..... Flat Rock, "
7. JONES, G. S..... Hendersonville, "
8. JORDAN, F. M ..... Hendersonville, "
9. MINTZ, WILLIAM..... Hendersonville, "
10. MITCHELL, JOHN..... Asheville, "
11. MORGAN, E..... Laurel Fork, "
12. MORGAN, E. J. ..... Laurel Fork, "
13. NELSON, D. B..... Hendersonville, "
14. STRADLEY, THOMAS ..... Asheville, N. C.
15. WELLS, W. WILEY..... Asheville, "
16. WILKIE, W. J..... Bear Wallow, "

23. Sandy Creek Association.

1. BALDWIN, T. M..... Franklinsville, N. C.
2. CRUTCHFIELD, E..... Columbia, "
3. GILMORE S,..... Egypt, "
4. HACKNEY, D ..... St. Lawrence, "
5. LAWHON, W. H. H..... Carthage, "
6. MURCHISON, D. C..... Egypt, "
7. SMITH. J. L..... St. Lawrence, "

24. South Yadkin Association.

1. BOOTHE, J. H..... Cool Spring, "
2. BOONE, J. B..... Statesville, "
3. DANIEL, S. A..... Jerusalem, "
4. GRIFFITH, R. H ..... Charlotte, "
5. GWALTNEY, W. R..... Raleigh, "
6. HOWELL, J. K..... Kinston, "
7. MARSH, J. B ..... Catawba Station, N. C.
8. REDWINE, J. F..... Fulton, "
9. WHITFIELD, T..... Charlotte "

25. Tar River Association.

1.	BAILEY, C. T.	Raleigh,	N. C.
2.	BARKLEY, J. G.	Hilliardston,	"
3.	BARRETT, W. A.	Franklinton,	"
4.	DUKE, G. M	Castalia,	"
5.	FREEMAN, MALCUS	Louisburg,	"
6.	FULFORD, W. J.	Hilliardston,	"
7.	HOCUT, H.	Earpsboro',	"
8.	JENKINS, C. A.	Louisburg,	"
9.	NEWELL, G. W.	Louisburg,	"
10.	PERKINSON, L. C	Warren Plains,	"
11.	PINNELL, M. R.	Louisburg,	"
12.	PITCHFORD, J. A.	Warrenton,	"
13.	PUREFOY, N. A.	Warrenton,	"

26. Transylvania Association.

1.	BLYTHE, JAS	Blue Ridge,	N. C.
2.	CORN, A. J.	Hendersonville,	"
3.	DUCKWORTH, J. H.	Brevard,	"
4.	PATTERSON, H.	Hendersonville,	"

27. Tuckasiege Association.

1.	AMMONS, JOSHUA	Franklin,	N. C.
2.	AX,	Quallatown,	"
3.	BERRY, W. C.	East Laport,	"
4.	BRENDLE, E. D.	Webster,	"
5.	BROWN, M. M.	East Laport,	"
6.	BUCHANAN, J. L.	Webster,	"
7.	CARTER, THOS	Head of Tennessee,	"
8.	CRAWFORD, W. R.	Caler's Hill,	"
9.	CONNER, W. H.	Oconalufti,	"
10.	DEWEESE, WM.	Aquone,	"
11.	ENSLEY, W.	Webster,	"
12.	GIBSON, S.	Franklin,	"
13.	GREENE, C. M.	Waynesville,	"
14.	GREEN, P. G.	Webster,	"
15.	HARRINGTON, S. H.	Waynesville,	"
16.	HAYNES, W.	Pigeon River,	"
17.	HOOPER, L. W.	Rich Mountain,	"
18.	JACKSON, JOHN	Quallatown,	"

19. JUSTICE, A. J. ..... West's Mill, N. C.
20. LONG, M. J. ..... Wikle's Store, "
21. LONG, JOHN ..... Quallatown, "
22. MARTIN, T. J. ..... Hayesville, "
23. MAY, M. ..... Aquone, "
24. MINGUS, C. B. ..... Pigeon River, "
25. McCARTHY, W. C. ..... Quallatown, "
26. QUEEN, B. M. ..... East Laport, "
27. QUEEN, L. ..... East Laport, "
28. REECE, J. V. ..... Forks of Pigeon, "
29. RICKMAN, P. R ..... Franklin, "
30. WILLIAMS, C. ..... Pigeon River, "
31. WRIGHT, I. D. ..... Franklin, "
32. WOODWARD, J. S. ..... Franklin, "

28. Waccamaw Association.

1. BENNETT, JOEL ..... Shallotte, N. C.
2. GORE, D. N. ..... Whiteville, "
3. HOLMES, H. H. ..... Conwayboro, S. C.
4. MILLICAN, NATHAN ..... Shallotte, N. C.

29. Yadkin Association.

1. BROWN, W. G. ..... Hamptonville, N. C.
2. BROWN, S. M. ..... Hamptonville, "
3. BROWN, S. D. ..... Hamptonville, "
4. BALDWIN, MOSES, ... Huntsville, "
5. CHAFIN, N. S. ..... Clarksville, "
6. CASTEPHENS, T. D. ..... Mt. Nebo, "
7. HAYMORE, C. C. ..... Mt. Airy, "
8. LEWELLYN, J. H. ..... Dobson, "
9. MAY, SAMUEL ..... Cross Roads, "
10. MAY, S. S. ..... Cross Roads, "
11. POINDEXTER, T. H. ..... Richmond Hill, "
12. SHORE, F. T. ..... Chestnut Ridge, "
13. THOMPSON, K. ..... Edwardsville, "
14. VIPPERMAN, J. H. ..... Mt. Airy, "
15. WOODRUFF, W. B. ..... Elkin, "

South River	10	1288	
Waccamaw inlet	11	779	
Tar River	31	2256	872
Sandy Cr	39	2175	
S. Yadkin	18	1278	26
Raleigh	85	3889	87
Mt Zion	21	2334	
Little River	14	739	3
Pee Dee	19	1500	
Central	18	2280	67
Kings mount	30	4,424	
Cedar Creek	26	2,404	
Cape Fear	60	6,115	135

MEMORIAL

OF

Rev. W. T. WALTERS, D. D.

[From the Biblical Recorder, Jan. 10, 1877.]

The statements which we have heretofore published concerning the condition of Dr. WALTERS will have prepared our readers for the announcement of his death. This sad event took place at his home on the 31st of December, in the 53rd year of his age.

He was born in Pittsylvania county, Virginia. His parents were excellent people, living in the fear of God and prospering by the wise management of a moderate estate. The father was a man of large, "round-about common sense," but like many others of his time, and indeed of all times, who with small culture have yet achieved success in life, he did not understand the value or importance to a young man of a thorough training in the best schools within his reach. The son at an early age manifested a fondness for study and expressed a desire to secure the best intellectual equipment for the duties of life, but the father sought to repress this disposition. While the matter was still undecided John L. Pritchard commenced his labors in that region. Under his ministry the young man was converted and baptized, and his counsel and influence shaped the course whose opening was so full of uncertainty.

After the usual course of preparatory study, he entered one of the advanced classes at Wake Forest College, and in regular course graduated with distinction. Soon afterwards he was appointed a tutor in the College.

Subsequently he was promoted to the Professorship of Mathematics. This chair he filled without intermission until the exercises of the College were suspended at the commencement of the late civil war. During that struggle he devoted himself to the supervision of his farm and the duties of a country pastorate. Soon after the cessation of hostilities he was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. The task assigned him was to revive the interest of the churches in the work of Missions and Ministerial Education,so that the operations in each of these departments which had been virtually suspended for several years, might be resumed. It was a vast undertaking, but one which commended itself to his heart as well as his judgment, and he threw himself into it with all the ardor of his nature. The physical labor which he performed while canvassing the Associations and seeking to arouse the churches all over the State, was immense. He was successful beyond the expectations even of those who knew him best. No other agent has been so successful in collecting money for the objects of the Convention. What was even more important he demonstrated that the work of the denomination could be carried on, notwithstanding the impoverishment of the country, and inspirited them for it. A positive, earnest nature like his could hardly fail of awakening opposition in the prosecution of a great enterprise, especially among Baptists who are so sensitively jealous of their traditional independence and so ready to resent even the appearance of dictation or compulsion. We often differed with him as to methods and measures. Looking back on it all, we are not now prepared to say that he was always in error. We are sure of this, that

he did a good work for the denomination and for the cause of Christ; and that with more general and cordial co-operation he could have accomplished much more.

In 1870 he retired from the Secretaryship. His desire was to give himself wholly to the work of the ministry; but not finding a field at once he occupied himself with that which lay immediately around him—the improvement of his farm and the building up of some feeble churches which he served mainly at his own charges, and to which he was one of the most liberal contributors. The last active labor of his life was performed in gracious seasons of revival at two of these churches a few weeks before his death.

He was three times connected with the press. In 1867 he purchased the *Biblical Recorder* and became its editor and proprietor. He associated Bro. Mills with him and after a few months transferred to him the entire ownership and control of the paper. He edited the *Farmer's Journal* under the management of Johnstone Jones, Esq. Nearly five years ago he accepted a position on the editorial staff of the *Recorder*, taking charge of the Agricultural department. This place he occupied, with what result our readers know full well, until his death.

He was, in every respect, a large and vigorous man. When we first knew him, and for years afterwards, he was a man of splendid physique, in robust health, capable of performing an immense amount of labor and of enduring great hardships. The students and other careless observers often thought him indolent and self-indulgent. It was a mistake. Few busier or more active heads ever set on human shoulders. He was al-

ways thinking, planning, investigating. Idleness was impossible to him. The most prominent characteristics of his mind were sound common sense, implicit faith in his own judgment and unyielding force of will. He was slow to embark in new enterprises; but once committed to them, he prosecuted them with a zeal, energy and persistence which seldom failed of success. Ordinarily he seemed impatient and incapable of sustained effort in any direction. But in carrying out his plans he was persevering to the verge of obstinacy. He was fertile in resources, and not unfrequently he chose circuitous methods for the accomplishment of his purposes. On this account he was sometimes misunderstood by his brethren. He was an excellent judge of men. We have never known any one who better understood how to select the proper agents for the execution of his plans, or to impress on them his own spirit and enthusiasm. If he made mistakes it was in failing to discover or appeal to the finer instincts and higher motives by which men are often governed.

As a teacher his career, though creditable, was almost too short to show what he would have been. As a preacher he was solid and practical rather than showy and brilliant, distinguished for appeals to the judgment rather than the feelings. And yet on rare occasions, when fired by the great themes of the gospel, there was about him a sort of homely eloquence which carried his hearers with him. When first we heard him more than twenty years ago he prepared his sermons with great care—indeed he wrote and often read them. His habits in this particular relaxed amid the manifold engagements of his later years, and as a

preacher he did not fulfil the expectations of his friends based on the efforts of his opening career.

He was not a ready debater or fluent speaker, and so did not often appear on the floor of the Convention. And yet, of all the men who have passed away within our recollection, no other has had so large a share in shaping and controlling the Baptist enterprises of the State His death creates a vacancy in our denominational councils which will long be felt. He was a liberal man. Money came easily to him and he gave it away freely but judiciously. To say that he made mistakes, that he had faults and weaknesses—what is it but to say that he was a man? His health had been failing for several months, but his friends had hope of his recovery until a few weeks before his death. He was aware of his approaching end and met it without rapture, but with the calm assurance of a faith which had been made perfect through trials and sufferings.

He was twice married. First, to Miss Davidson, of Virginia, and on her death, to Miss Wingate, of South Carolina, who, with several children, survives him.

At the time of his death he was a Trustee of Wake Forest College, and also Treasurer of that Institution.

TEXAS.

General Association of Texas—B. H. Carroll, L. R. Scruggs.

Texas Baptist State Convention—W. C. Crane, W. Howard, J. W. D. Creath, J. H. Martin, W. F. Kone, O. H. P. Garrett, G. B. Davis, H. S. Graves, Z. N. Morrill, H. F. Buckner, J. B. Link.

Bryan Baptist Church—J. B. McLelland, J. D. Murphy, F. M. Law.

Brenham Baptist Church—M. E. Graves.

MISSOURI.

S. H. Ford, G. A. Lofton, Jas. F. Smith.

Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Missouri—Wm. Pope Yeaman.

TENNESSEE.

Edgefield Church—Jno. W. Otley.

J. R. Graves, S. Landrum, M. Hillsman, Tiberius G. Jones, J. M. Senter, J. L. Weakley, W. D. Mayfield, E. L. Jordan, G. A. Coulson, M. V. Noffsinger, O. D. Bowen.

KENTUCKY.

J. P. Boyce, J. L. Burrows, C. E. W. Dobbs, T. W. Bibb, J. W. Rust, Wm. Harris, G. F. Bagby, B. Manly, L. B. Woolfolk, J. Wm. Frost, W. W. Willett, F. H. Kerfoot, Peter Arthur.

Mayfield Baptist Church—J. N. Beadles.

ARKANSAS.

S. M. Provence, T. B. Espy, W. A. Forbes, J. C. Shipp, V. B. Izard.

4. The order of business being the election of officers, W. N. Chaudoin, B. P. Smith and W. H. Williams, were appointed Tellers for the election of President and reported the re-election of James P. Boyce, to the office of President of the Convention.

5. J. L. Carroll, C. E. W. Dobbs, and J. H. Fortson, were appointed Tellers for the election of Vice-President.

On motion of J. H. Kilpatrick, it was resolved that the four brethren receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

The tellers reported the following as elected Vice-Presidents of the Convention: J. C. Furman, T. G. Jones, W. C. Crane, T. J Evans.

6. The two brethren receiving the highest number of votes for Secretary, were on motion ordered to be declared elected. W. H. Robert, J. C. Shipp, T. L. Jones, were appointed Tellers to conduct the election for Secretaries, and reported O. F. Gregory and W. E. Tanner, as elected Secretaries of the Convention.

7. Pending the reports of Tellers, the Convention engaged in Devotional exercises, J. C. Furman, Richard Furman, J. W. D. Creath, H. F. Buckner, leading in prayer.

8. The President read a communication from J. H. Cuthbert, of Washington, D. C., requesting any who might have letters or other mementoes of the late Dr. Richard Fuller of Baltimore, to send them to him for use in compiling a memorial of Dr. Fuller.

9. On motion of Wm. Howard, visiting brethren in good standing in Baptist Churches, not delegates, were invited to seats in the body.

E. O. Taylor of Chicago, representing the *Journal and Messenger*, accepted the invitation.

10. On motion a Committee on Devotional exercises was appointed consisting of N. W. Wilson, C. W. Wood, Benjamin Leas, R. H. Browne, Jno. R. Juden, A. H. Nelson.

11. On motion of W. H. Williams,

Resolved, 1, That Mell's Parliamentary Practice be the Rules of Order for this body.

2. That Committees be called upon to report in the order in which they are appointed by the President.

12. S. G. Hillyer, offered the following,

Resolved, That the Committee on Religious Exercises be instructed to consider the propriety of having preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and if they approve, to arrange accordingly.

S. Landrum, offered the following subsitute,

Strike out all after word Resolved, and insert "that 30 minutes from 11 o'clock each day be spent in devotional exercises."

On motion the whole matter was laid upon the table.

13. A request being made to the Convention, to consider the propriety of adjourning on Monday on account of an Excursion to the Jetties, on motion of W. H. McIntosh, the matter was referred to a Committee with instructions to report this P. M. The following brethren were appointed, S. Landrum, J. B. Lovelace, T. J. Walne, T. E. Skinner, J. W. Rust.

14. The following Resolution was referred to the Committee on Devotional Exersises.

Resolved, That this Convention meet daily at 9 A. M., spend the first half hour in devotional exercises, adjourn at 12 M., meet at 1 P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M., meet at 8-15 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

15. After prayer by M. T. Sumner, took a recess of one hour.

THURSDAY, May 10, 1:35 P. M.

16. Prayer by W. H. Robert.

17. On motion of J. L. Carroll, an abstract of the Report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary.

18. On motion of O. F. Gregory of Ala., the reports of the Treasurer and Auditor of the Foreign Mission Board were read by H. A. Tupper, when

19. On motion of O. F. Gregory,

Resolved, That the Report of the Board of Foreign Missions be referred to the following committees of seven each: 1. On Treasurer's Report; 2. On Woman's Work for Missions; 3. On African Missions; 4. On China Missions; 5. On Italian Missions; 6. On the Voice of Providence.

20. The Chair announced the following Committees:

On Treasurer's Report.—Joshua Levering, Miles Turpin, C. H. Toy, B. W. Bussey, W. D. Mayfield, M. B. Wharton, J. B. McClelland.

On Woman's Work.—A. T. Spalding, J. A. Chambliss, A. E. Dickinson, J. O'B. Lowry, J. B. Hamberlin, J. A. Hackett, G. B. Davis.

African Missions.—J. L. Burrows, J. B. Gambrell, W. C. Cleveland, J. G. Ryals, Geo. F. Williams, A. C. Dixon, R. N. Pratt.

China Missions.—B. H. Carroll, T. B. Espy, J. Haralson, G. R. McCall, W. H. Strickland, J. B. Turpin, A. V. Rowe.

Italian Missions.—E. T. Winkler, W. Howard, E. D. Miller, J. G. Gibson, R. Furman, T. T. Eaton, S. H. Ford.

Voice of Providence.—W. P. Yeaman, J. L. Carroll, S. M. Richardson, W W. Landrum, J. M. Bailey, H. F. Sproles, W. H. McGee.

21. On motion an abstract of the Report of the Home Mission Board was read by the Corresponding Secretary, W. H. McIntosh, when

23. On motion of S. Landrum,

Resolved, That the Report of the Home Mission Board be referred to the following Committees:

24. The following Report was submitted by S. Landrum and adopted:

"Your Committee on the invitation from the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, report: That in reference to arrangements made by our Baptist brethren in this city for the entertainment of the members and visitors of the Convention, including an excursion to the Jetties on the Robt. E. Lee, your Committee recommend that no sessions of this Body be held on Monday next.

Respectfully submitted,

S. LANDRUM, *Chairman.*

25. The following was submitted by N. W. Wilson and adopted,

"Your Committee on Religious Exercises beg leave to make a partial report. We recommend that the Convention meet at 9 A. M.; recede from business at 12 M. for one hour, and adjourn at 4 P. M.; meet at ½ past 7 P. M. and adjourn at will.

That the Convention Sermon be delivered to-night at 7½ o'clock.

That during the sessions of the body devotional exercises be interspersed at the option of the President.

N. W. WILSON, Chairman.

26. On motion of T. T. Eaton, the following Committees were ordered to be appointed: On Credentials, New Boards, (both to consist of one from each State) and on Time and Place of next meeting.

27. On motion of S. Landrum, representatives of the City Press, and other newspaper correspondents were invited to take seats near the Secretaries Desk.

28. The Chair appointed the following Committees on Report of Home Mission Board:

On Finances and Treasurer's Report.—D. W. Gwinn, T. H. Ellet, B. B. Davis, J. L. Johnston J. R. Farish, W. C. Friley, J. C. Smith.

Mission Schools.—M. T. Martin, H. F. Buckner, T. C. Boykin, J. M. Senter, E. Calvin Hudson, R. W. Sanders, W. F. Kone.

Appeal of Wild Tribes.—J. R. Graves, J. H. Kilpatrick, B. H. Crumpton, G. A. Lofton, J. S. Jordan, Z. T. Leavell, T. W. Ebeltoft.

Kind Words.—J. B. Hawthorne, S. G. Hillyer, B. Manly, W. H. Robert, A. B. Campbell, J. L. Weakley, W. A. Foster.

Colored People.—I. T. Tichenor, M. Hillsman, D. G. Daniell, W. N. Chaudoin, W. A. Mason, T. W. Bibb, S. M. Provence.

Woman's Work.—J. A. Chambliss, W. Howard, J. S. Lawton, G. A. Lofton, W. A. Mason, W. M. Burr, R. C. Keeble.

29. The chair appointed the following committees:

On Credentials.—J. A. Hackett, E. D. Miller, J. H. Curry, G. R. McCall, A. M. McIver, A. C. Dixon, G. F. Williams, Joshua Levering, W. F. Kone, V. B. Izard, S. H. Ford, T. W. Otley.

To Nominate New Boards.—J. W. D. Creath, T. B. Espy, W. P. Yeaman, M. Hillsman, Joshua Levering, A. E. Dickinson, A. C. Dixon, R. N. Pratt, C. H. Strickland, C. H. Chandler, N. W. Wilson, T. W. Ebeltoft, J. H. Kerfoot.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting.—F. M. Law, M. Hillsman, W. E. Tynes, S. Boykin, Wm. Harris.

30. Prayer by D. G. Daniell. Adjourned.

THURSDAY, May 10, 7:30 P. M.

31. The Convention met, when the Convention Sermon was preached by Henry W. McDonald of Kentucky, from Matthew xx, 26-28.

The Convention then adjourned.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1877.

32. Convention called to order at 9 o'clock A. M., by the President, J. P. Boyce of Kentucky. Reading of Scripture, I Corinthians 12th chapter, 28 v. to end of 13th chapter.

33. Prayer by Z. N. Morrill of Texas.

34. Minutes of Thursday, read and corrected.

35. Report of the Committee on Voice of Providence, W. P. Yeaman, Chairman, was on motion made the special order for this evening at 8 o'clock.

36. Report of Committee on nomination of New Boards, J. W. D. Creath of Texas, Chairman, was presented, and after amendment, adopted. (See page 1.)

37. Report of the Treasurer of the Convention was presented, and on motion ordered to be printed in the minutes. (Appendix.)

38. The President stated that the next business would be the election of Treasurer, and on motion, Wm. E. Tanner of Virginia, was requested to cast the ballot of the Convention, and the committee appointed to collect the same reported that G. W. Norton of Kentucky, had been re-elected.

39. The President stated that the next business would be the election of Auditor, and on motion, Wm. E. Tanner of Virginia, was requested to cast the ballot of the Convention, and the Committee appointed to collect the same reported that N. Long, of Kentucky, had been re-elected.

40. J. W. D. Creath of Texas, introduced to the Convention Z. N. Morrill of Texas, and recommended his book entitled "Flowers and Fruits." Brother Morrill briefly addressed the Convention, and was followed by M. T. Sumner, of Alabama, in some fervent remarks on general subjects, particularly as to the work of Brother Morrill in Texas.

41. The report of the Committee on "Kind Words," J. B. Hawthorne of Alabama, chairman, was presented, and after some amendments suggested by W. H. McIntosh, and remarks by S. Boykin, H. S. Estes, S. G. Hillyer of Georgia, and S. Landrum of Tennessee, in its favor, adopted.

Report of Committee on Kind Words.—Your Committee commend the arrangements made by the Home Board for the publication of KIND WORDS, on payment of a royalty of $800 per annum, and find that the paper has in the past year, reduced its own indebtedness, $800. The paper has been issued regularly and promptly, and in a highly creditable manner, and, in its last edition appears in entirely new type, bought expressly for the paper at a cost of several hundred dollars.

The combined monthly circulation of the paper, in all its editions and in its lesson papers, is nearly 200,000, 126,000 being papers.

Its *Sunday School lessons* are very generally used throughout the South, and, in some places at the North, and do much to stimulate the study of

God's word, and to promote the interest and prosperity of the schools where they are used. They are so prepared as to be adapted to pupils of all grades We believe the paper is exerting a very beneficial influence, in our denomination by its high moral tone, denominational teachings, and missionary spirit; and we should deem its cessation or suspension a calamity to the denomination.

Its Editor, Rev. S. Boykin, has rare tact and skill in the arrangement of its reading matter and in the preparation of its lessons, and performs his work in all respects, acceptably and faithfully; and the printers are diligent and faithful in carrying out their contract with the Home Board. As during the exceeding hard times of the past year, the paper has not only held its own, but increased in circulation. We would take this occasion to urge our brethren everywhere, especially the pastors, to put forth renewed zeal in extending the circulation of this invaluable aid to Sunday Schools.

J. B. HAWTHORNE, Chairman.

42. The following preamble and resolution of E. T. Winkler, of Alabama, as a substitute for one of J. C. Furman of South Carolina, on same subject, was adopted, viz:

Whereas, in the providence of God, several of the most active and influential members of this Convention have been removed by death during the past year.

Resolved, that a Committee consisting of Brethren Toy, Spalding, Furman and Eaton, be appointed to prepare a suitable memorial notice of these departed servants of God for publication in the minutes of the Convention.

On motion E. T. Winkler, of Alabama, was added to the committee.

43. The report of the Committee on African Missions, J. L. Burrows of Kentucky, Chairman, was presented, and on motion adopted.

Committee on African Missions.—The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Foreign Mission Board as refers to African Missions beg leave to report:

That, in their judgment, none of our missions give brighter promise of immediate beneficent results than those to Africa. Their fetisch religions do not satisfy the craving of the nature of the people. Comparatively easily they are led away from all faith and trust in their hereditary superstitions. They are a teachable and confiding race, when once convinced of the superior culture and disinterested benevolence of the missionaries who live among them. A continent of one to two million of souls is open to the missionaries of the cross.

In our judgment these Missions to Africa should be reinforced as speedily as practicable. With fewer men in the field than any other evangelical denomination and with scantier expenditures, our successes compare favorably with those of other missions. God has greatly blessed the labors of our Baptist Missionaries. Brother David from a burdened yet hopeful heart, cries to us "for Jesus sake, send us two more men." It is a modest, humble appeal for only two men, when hundreds could be effectively employed in gathering the large harvest rotting for lack of reapers, and on this side men are waiting and hoping to go.

It seems to your Committee specially important that our colored churches in this country be encouraged and urged to send and aid in supporting from among themselves, young colored Ministers, educated in the schools, of devout piety and practical judgment, to their fatherland. They are best fitted for the work in Africa. Their own churches would be blessed and developed by engaging in this work. The cultivation of a benevolent missionary spirit is one of the surest methods of securing spiritual prosperity in the home churches.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the Board be instructed to increase the number of Missionaries to Africa as speedily as in their judgment they can do it without incurring embarrassing financial liabilities.

2. That measures be taken by the Board to interest our colored churches, specially in the work of African Missions, and that the colored churches be assured that we sincerely desire to co-operate with them in furthering this grand work.

3. That young colored Ministers giving evidence of a call from the Lord to the work of the ministry, and of suitable qualifications, be preferred by the Board as Missionaries to Africa.

J. L. BURROWS, *Chairman*

44. The report of the Committee on Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, Joshua Levering of Maryland, Chairman, was presented, and on motion adopted.

The Committee on Treasurer's report of the Foreign Mission Board, submit the following report:

1. The liberality of our missionary at Shanghai, Brother M. T. Yates, in relinquishing his salary, and in building a chapel and school house, ought to stimulate to a corresponding liberality the churches, who should see that this station as well as our other stations shall be amply provided for as to men and means.

2. The policy of the Board to reduce appropriations and retain in this country our Missionaries, if necessary to square the accounts of the Board,

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

OF THE

Southern Baptist Convention,

HELD WITH THE

COLISEUM PLACE BAPTIST CHURCH,

IN

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Preamble and Constitution.

We, the delegates from Missionary Societies, churches and other religious bodies of the Baptist denomination in various parts of the United States, met in Convention in the city of Augusta, Georgia, for the purpose of carrying into effect the benevoleut intentions of our constitutents by organizing a plan for eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the whole denomination in one sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel, agree to the following rules or fundamental principles:

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the "Southern Baptist Convention."

ART. II. It shall be the design of this Convention to promote foreign and domestic missions, and other important objects connected with the Redeemer's Kingdom, and to combine for this purpose such portions of the Baptist denomination in the United States as may desire a general organization for Christian benevolence, which shall fully respect the independence and equal rights of the churches.

ART. III. The Convention shall consist of members who contribute funds, or are delegated by religious bodies contributing funds, on the basis of one delegate for every hundred dollars contributed to our funds at any time within the twelve months preceding the meeting of the body; provided, however, that in case of great collateral societies, composed of representatives receiving contributions from different parts of the country, the ratio of representation shall be one delegate for every thousand dollars paid within the current year; but the number of such representatives shall never exceed five.

ART. IV. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and two Secretaries, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and hold their office until a new election; and the officers of the Convention shall be, *each by virtue of his office*, members of the several Boards.

ART. V. The Convention shall elect at each annual meeting as many Boards of Managers as its judgment will be necessary for carrying out the benevolent objects it may determine to promote—all which Boards shall continue in office until a new election. Each Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor and fifteen other members; seven of whom, including one or more of the officers, shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. To each Board shall be committed during the recess of the Convention, the entire management of all the affairs relating to the object with whose interest it shall be charged, all of which management shall be in strict accordance with the constitutional provisions adopted by this Convention, and such other instructions as may be given from time to time. Each Board shall have

power to make such compensation to its Secretaries and Treasurer as it may think right, fill the vacancies occurring in its own body, and enact its own by-laws.

ART. VI. The Treasurer of each Board shall faithfully account for all moneys received by him, keep a regular entry of all receipts and disbursements, and make report of them to the Convention whenever it shall be in session, and to his Board as often as required. He shall also, on entering upon the duties of his office, give competent security to the President of the Board for all the stock and funds committed to his care. His books shall be open at all times to the inspection of any member of the Convention and of his Board. No moneys shall paid out of any of the treasuries of the Board, but by an order from that Board from whose treasury the money is to be drawn, which order shall be signed by the presiding officer.

ART. VII. The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Boards shall maintain intercourse by letter with such individuals or public bodies as the interest of their respective bodies may require. Copies of all such communications, with their answers, if any, shall be kept by them on file.

ART. VIII. The Recording Secretaries of the several Boards shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, and of such other documents as may be committed to them for the purpose.

ART. IX. All the officers, Boards, missionaries and agents appointed by the Convention, or by any of its Boards, shall be members of some regular church, in union with the churches composing this Convention.

ART. X. Missionaries appointed by any of the Boards of this Convention must, previous to their appointment. furnish evidence of genuine piety, fervent zeal in their Master's cacse, and talents which fit them for the service for which they offer themselves.

ART. XI. The bodies and individuals composing this Convention shall have the right to specify the object or objects to which their contributions shall be applied. But when no such specification is made, the Convention will make the appropriation at its own discretion.

ART. XII. The Convention shall hold its meetings annually, but extra meetings may be called by the President, with the approbation of any one of the Boards of Managers. A majority of the attending delegates shall form a quorum for the transaction of business. The President, or in the event of his death, any of the Vice-Presidents, of the Convention, may at the request of two of its Boards, postpone or alter the place of the meeting of the Convention, when it may be deemed by him inexpedient to convene at the time or place appointed.

ART. XIII. Any alterations which experience shall dictate may be made in these Articles, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at any annual meeting of the Convention.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-SECOND SESSION

—OF THE—

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 10th, 1877.

The Southern Baptist Convention met, by appointment, at the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, New Orleans, La., at 10 o'clock A. M., the President, James P. Boyce, in the chair. The hymn beginning "Awake, and sing the song," was sung, the President read Psalm ciii; and M. Hillsman of Tenn. led in prayer.

2. In the absence of the former Secretaries, and on motion of Joshua Levering of Md., W. E. Tanner, of Va., and O. F. Gregory of Ala., were appointed temporary Secretaries.

3. On call of States, the names of delegates were reported, and, as subsequently enrolled by the Committee on Credentials of Delegates, were enrolled as follows:

MARYLAND.

Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore—Joshua Levering.

VIRGINIA.

Woman's Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Richmond—H. A. Tupper.

Jno. L. Carroll, A. E. Dickinson, T. T. Eaton, T. H. Ellett, T. J. Evans, E. Calvin Hudson, Jas. Leigh Jones, Hy. McDonald, Wm. E. Tanner, J. B. Turpin, Geo. F. Williams, Miles Turpin, Geo. B. Eager.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A. C. Dixon.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston—J. A. Chambliss.

Young Men's Missionary Society, Citadel Square Church—A. M. McIver,

Citadel Square Baptist S. S., Charleston—B. Pressley Smith,

Chester Baptist Church—R. W. Sanders,

Greenville Baptist Sunday School—Julius C. Smith.

Welsh Neck Association—S. M. Richardson,

J. C. Furman, R. Furman, C. H. Toy, J. S. Jordan, R. N. Pratt, W. H. Strickland.

GEORGIA.

Woman's Missionary Society, Second Baptist Church, Atlanta—A. T. Spalding.

J. G. Gibson, J. H. Fortson, S. Boykin, T. C. Boykin, C. H. Strickland, J. O. Jelks, J. S. Willis, G. W. Smith, W. N. Chaudoin, W. L. Kilpatrick, J. H. Kilpatrick, H. S. Estes, G. C. Davis, J. S. Lawton, M. B. Wharton, T. E. Skinner, S. G. Hillyer, J. G. Ryals, G. R. McCall, W. W. Landrum, E. S. V. Bryant, D. W. Gwin, W. H. Jordan, J. E. Appler, J. H. Low, A. B. Campbell, D. G. Daniell.

ALABAMA.

Siloam Baptist Church, Marion—E. T. Winkler,

First Baptist Church, Eufaula—O. F. Gregory,

Broad Street Church, Mobile—J. H. Curry, Jon. Haralson,

W. H. McIntosh, J. O'B. Lowry, Wm. H. Williams, J. B. Hawthorne, J. Shackleford, W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey, M. T. Sumner, B. H. Crumpton, B. F. Riley, N. B. Williams, J. C. Williams, R. C. Keeble, J. C. Bush, B. B. Davis, W. L. Chandler, I. T. Tichenor, B. W. Bussey, J. B. Gay, D. B. Roby, S. Henderson, Jno. Wilmer, W. S. Brown.

MISSISSIPPI AND EASTERN LOUISIANA.

Cold Water Association—E. D. Miller,

Woman's Missionary Association of Central Mississippi—H. F. Sproles.

Canton Church—W. A. Mason.

A. V. Rowe, E. E. King, W. H. Tucker, T. J. Walne, C. M. Gordon, J. R. Farish, Z. T. Leavell, R. H. Cohron, W. H. Robert, Hy. C. Weymouth, N. W. Wilson, B. F. Roach, J. B. Hamberlin, T. A. Moore, W. E. Tynes, Jesse Woodall, M. T. Martin, J. L. Johnson, J. T. Zealy, T. W. Watkins, J. B. Gambrell, E. Z. Simmons.

LOUISIANA.

W. H. McGee, W. C. Friley, T. W. Ebeltoft,

Shreveport Church—J. A. Hackett.

seems wise to your Committee; but, it is profoundly hoped that the necessity will be obviated by the prompt and liberal offerings of the churches.

3. From the testimony of many among whom these missionary brethren have labored as agents of the board, it is apparent that the expenses of these agencies have been judicious in view not only of their actual collections, but of the valuable information which they have imparted, and the deeper interest in missions, which they have excited. In regard to the employment of regular agents in the several States, your Committee would express no opinion but leave that question to the wisdom of the Board.

4. Your Committee regret that the great necessity of the Board during the last year has prevented it from liquidating the indebtenness of $5,000 due the Bank of Commerce, Richmond, Virginia, but believing that the true principle in conducting all missionary operations is to make appropriations only to the extent of the receipts and feeling assured that the impetus given to our work by the presence of some of our missionaries in our midst, and the dawn of brighter and more prosperous times to our people will result in largely increased receipts of the Board, your Committee heartily endorse the steps now being taken by the Board looking to the payment of said indebtedness, and would recommend that the Board hereafter in prosecuting its work limit itself in its appropriations as far as possible within the amounts which it has a reasonable expectation of receiving from the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA LEVERING, *Chairman.*

45. On motion of W. H. Williams of Alabama, G. R. Blackall, of Chicago, representing the American Baptist Publication Society, was invited to a seat on the floor of the Convention.

46. The following resolution offered by T. T. Eaton of Virginia, was, on motion, referred to a special committee, consisting of T. T. Eaton of Virginia, I. T. Tichenor of Alabama, and T. E. Skinner of Georgia :

Resolved, That the following words in the 12th Article in our Constitution be stricken out, viz : "A majority of the attending delegates shall, form a quorum for the transaction of business."

47. On motion of W. Carey Crane of Texas, the following was referred to the same Committee :

Resolved, That Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 12 and 13 of the Constitution be amended so as to strike out "Annual "and insert "Biennial," and that the phraseology in all other articles be made to conform to this Amendment.

48. On motion of E. T. Winkler of Alabama, the following was referred to the same Committee:

Section 83, from Minutes of 1876. The Report of the *Committee on the Re-organization of the Convention* was read by W. A. Montgomery, Chairman, and, on motion, the Report was ordered to be printed for the consideration of the next Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the *Re-organization of the Convention*, report that, after mature deliberation, they recommend for the present only the following changes in the Constitution, viz:

In ARTICLE XII strike out the words "*a majority*," and insert the words "*one-third*."

Strike out ARTICLE XIII and insert

XIII. In voting upon any matter before the Convention, the delegates of each State shall be authorized to cast the entire vote to which their States are respectively entitled, whenever three delegates from different States shall unite in a call for such vote.

XIV. The Constitution may be amended at any session of this body by a majority of the attending delegates when such amendment shall have been proposed at a preceding session, and published in the Minutes for the consideration of the constituents of the Convention.

49. On motion, the Committee was enlarged by adding thereto the names of W. D. Mayfield of Tennessee, and J. G. Ryals of Georgia.

50. On motion, the following Committees were authorized to retire, viz: On Voice of Providence, Mission Schools among the Indians, Italian Missions, and Finance Committee of Home Mission Board.

51. On motion, adjourned after prayer by F. M. Law.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1877, 1 o'clock, P. M.

52. Convention called to order by the President, and after singing the 958th Hymn, prayer was offered by J. H. Kilpatrick of Georgia.

53. The Report of Committee on China Missions, B. H. Carroll of Texas, chairman, was read, and after argument, which was participated in by E. Z. Simmons, Missionary to

China, W. Howard of Texas, N. B. Williams, returned Missionary from China, J. A. Hackett of Mississippi, J. B. Gambrell of Mississippi, J. B. Hawthorne of Alabama, S. Landrum of Tennessee, H. A. Tupper and T. J. Evans of Virginia, was adopted.

Report of Committee on China Missions.—Your Committee to whom was referred this important subject, having had the same under consideration, respectfully submit to the Convention as the result of their work the following statement, doctrine and recommendations.

STATEMENT.

In our judgment, all of the history and character of the work necessary to present to this Convention is embodied in the annual report of the Richmond Board as published in the Foreign Mission Journal.

We desire to call special attention to the startling fact set forth in that report, that a large proportion of our efficient force, lately laboring in the China field has returned to our country—are here now—and the question of their return, as to time at least, yet an open question.

The little band remaining are fearfully inadequate to the vast necessities of the case.

It further appears from the report that Providence has opened up other fields for our immediate occupation. The hand of God is holding open the door and the voice of God says: "Go forward."

The doctrine we desire to emphasize, is, that the Chinaman is a child of Adam, inheriting his depravity and a partaker of his curse. He is our brother, the child of a common parent. The same law condemns him, and the same gospel provides for his redemption.

To him prophecy points, and for his salvation, millennial glory waits. For him Christ died. China constituted a vast portion of the travail of his soul and on the mediatorial throne he will never be *satisfied* and fully glad until he sees of the travail of his soul.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend to this Convention and urge with all possible emphasis the immediate reinforcement of the force now in the field so soon as adequate funds are secured. That means be devised and resources developed commensurate with the providence of God in opening up fields of labor for us. Just how the means requisite to these vast undertakings shall be raised is a matter of the gravest consideration, and as in the nature of the case, missionary and other laborers in this field are not qualified in a few days, but acquire efficiency after years of laborious study and dearly bought experience, it is the part of wisdom and economy all other things being equal, to send back whenever practicable, the trained laborers, now off duty from good causes, in this country.

2. That we urge upon the membership at large a study of the theory, history, and practical workings of the mission enterprize. And, therefore, that the delegates present assist to the utmost limit of their ability in securing large subscriptions to the Foreign Mission Journal.

3. That we co-operate with the Board, by cultivating the thought that it is our Board—they are our agents and Christ's servants. That we welcome them as such to homes and churches, and pray for them in all our prayers. That we honor them all over the country.

4. That we urge upon our churches the resumption of the Monthly Concert of prayer for Missions.

Signed in behalf of Committee.

B. H. CARROLL, *Chairman.*

54. The following resolution offered by I. T. Tichenor of Alabama, was, upon his motion, made the special order for 7½ o'clock to-morrow evening:

Resolved, that the increasing demand for Evangelical labor in the destitute parts of our own country and in the Indian Territory, call for increased effort on the part of the Home Mission Board to supply the destitution, and upon the Churches and friends of Domestic and Indian Missions for more abundant means to enlarge the work of the Board.

55. The Committee on Finance, and Treasurer's Report of the Home Mission Board, through the chairman, D. W. Gwin of Georgia, made their report, which was on his motion, made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

56. The report of the Committee on Woman's Work, Home Mission Board, J. A. Chambliss of South Carolina, chairman, was read, and on motion adopted.

Report on Woman's Work for Home Missions.—The Committee on Woman's Work for Home Missions beg leave to report:

It is one of the chief glories of the gospel that it proclaims to the world, "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is *neither male nor female*, for all are one in Christ Jesus." And it is a glory peculiar to the gospel—this blotting out of dividing lines in religion between station and station, between race and race, between sex and sex. It did not belong to the earlier dispensation so far as it was ceremonial, it has not belonged to any other religion of the world.

Especially must it be remembered that with the rise of Christ's Kingdom on earth began the *elevation of Woman* to a full and equal share with man in all that constitutes the highest good and glory of human nature. Those who know something of the world's history before the dawn of Christianty,

or of the world's condition now beyond the horizon of the gospel, can see reason enough why every woman should be a friend of Jesus though all others should forsake him. The daughters of this Christian land should never forget that if they are exalted in honor and happiness above their sisters of pagan nations in ancient or modern times, if they are recognized as man's equal in dignity, made the companions of his most elevated pleasures or labors, their tastes consulted, their wishes respected, their influence welcomed in every sphere of life,—it is because the doctrine of the cross lives in our land, and even where it is not personally embraced distils its heavenly grace, like the fragrance of trampled flowers, unsought and undeserved.

Above all it is true that woman under the gospel has been raised to a great height in *spiritual* honor—height of privilege and height of obligation. What woman was allowed to do and what she did for the blessed Saviour and his cause form some of the brightest records of the New Testament. She was not required to hold her hands or her tongue as a disciple of Jesus.

The instructions which enjoined modesty and reserve, the cultivation of a meek and quiet spirit, the watchful care of home—her own peculiar, most honorable, and most responsible sphere—did not forbid her active participation in devoted personal work for the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. She could love and pray and labor, she could deny herself and give of her store whether great or small, she could teach the word of God, and even could go on long, arduous journeys for the furtherance of the gospel. It is not otherwise to-day. We rejoice to know that in clothing the naked and feeding the hungry, in ministering to the sick and suffering, in visiting the fatherless and widow in their affliction, in leading children to the house of God and teaching them in the Sunday School, in co-operating through various associations for the accomplishment of objects quite away from their own doors and looking to the general extension of their Lord's Kingdom in the world, the Christian women of our own day are doing more than ever women have done for Christ. It is well known that within the last four years they have become well-organized and devoted fellowhelpers of the truth in the work of Foreign Missions. Their sympathies have been deeply enlisted in behalf of their heathen sisters, they have manifested a charming eagerness to share with them the blessings which they enjoy under the gospel. But it is not within the knowledge of your Committee that the women of our Southern Baptist Churches are making any organized effort in the line of work pursued by our Home Mission Board. Yet surely the time has come when this department of christian service, as well as every other, should be blessed with the special prayers and gifts and labors of our Marys and Joannas, our Dorcases, Phoebes and Priscillas. It is not to be denied that multitudes of mothers, wives and daughters within the

bounds of this Convention are almost as unenlightened in spiritual things and as degraded in habits of life as the women of China and India.

They are found in most of the fields which our Home Board is appointed to cultivate—many of them far away from the homes of their childhood, either whirling in the vortex of shameful vice,—as in the streets and alleys of our great cities—or far removed from every condition favorable to spiritual life and health—as in our frontier settlements.

The women of the Indian tribes too, stretch out their hands imploringly to their pale-faced sisters. It is more fully true of them than of heathen women anywhere else in the world that they are ready to receive the gospel—that the field is white to the harvest. Shall not their cry awaken the tenderest compassion and inspire the most self-denying labors for their salvation? In view of the foregoing conditions your Committee submit the

Resolved: That our sisters in all our churches be and are hereby invited and urged to co-operate with us in the work of Home Missions, by such special methods of organization as they may judge wisest and most efficient.

J. A. CHAMBLISS, *Chairman.*

57. On motion of E. T. Winkler of Alabama, the report of the Committee on Italian Missions, was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

58. On motion of E. T. Winkler of Alabama, the Convention agreed to hear an address from C. R. Blackall of Chicago, to-morrow at 9½ A. M., on the subject of fraternal relations.

59. On motion, adjourned. Prayer by C. R. Blackall of Chicago.

FRIDAY, May 11, 1877, 7:30 P. M.

60. The Convention opened by singing the 477th Hymn, "Grace, 'tis a charming sound," when prayer was made by T. J. Walne of Mississippi.

61. Upon motion, W. P. Yeaman, the vote making the report of the Committee on the Voice of Providence in the Foreign Mission Work, the special order for 8 o'clock was reconsidered, and ordered to be taken up at once. The report was read by the chairman, W. P. Yeaman of Missouri.

The Voice of Providence.—Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the Foreign Mission Board relating to the "Voice of Providence," would respectfully submit as their report, the following suggestions:

As God the Father sent Jesus Christ into this world, even so has Christ also sent his disciples; not to work according to a rule clad in the inflexibleness of an absolute fiat, but in harmony with the nature of man, and the necessities of humanity. The duties which man owes to his God and to his fellowman are such only as proceed from the relations that he sustains to each of these, and the fulfillment of these duties is to be found in the right exercise of natural faculties, directed by the supernatural forces secured to the believer by his relation to a Divine human Saviour. The aggressiveness of Christianity is achieved by a union and co-operation of the same forces that inhered in the founder of the system, the divine and the human. Abstract spiritualism will never save the world from its self wrought ruin; humanitarianism alone is utterly impotent in this great work. But the exercise of human faculties under the inspirations and impulses of the divine, may, and shall conquer the powers of darkness.

God Almighty in calling his children into the work and service of the Kingdom of the Son of his love, recognizes their natural faculties of perception, reflection and judgment as supplying the fundamental impulses to action. He imparts to them his grace that they may inteligently perceive, wisely meditate and exercise a sound and practical judgment in all things pertaining to their privileges and duties. This provision of the divine economy at once exhibits the wisdom of God, and manifests man's solemn obligation to diligently consider all things that effect the conditions of human society, the various and changing phases of thought, the revolutions and epochs in the current history of the world, the progress of material and social civilization. These are all to be studied as the voice of the Infinite, as he plans, directs, and permits the wisdom of the wise, the folly of the foolish, and the wrath of the wrathful. He who times all things in the interests of his Messiah, would have his servants recognize the universality of Christ's power, as comprehensive enough to embrace all forces in man and in nature, and to make them subservient to the aims and ends of His Kingdom.

Human instrumentality used at the instance of human ideas, may break down the walls erected by civil and ecclesiastical imperialism, or force open the gates barred by the dark hand of superstition and idolatry, but the barriers removed and the way opened so that the torch bearer can enter with the light and might of gospel truth, the opportunity must be looked upon as the voice of that providence ever active in all things, in the great work of reconciling in Christ all the antagonisms born of sin. The changes that transpire in the systems and institutions of men are the voicings of providence, and this is true when such changes put out the light of truth, as well as when they admit it, for thus are the children of light aroused to thoughtfulness and to action.

It is the conviction of the Church of Jesus Christ, that the eventful present and immediate past are the significant indications of providence, and

your Committee are profoundly impressed that it is the duty of this Convention as a body of the servants of Jesus Christ, to regard the events named in the report of your Board, as the callings of God upon them to enter in where the wrath of man, or the progressiveness of thought has opened the door for the ingoing and activity of all the forces and instrumentalities used by Christ for the work and triumph of His Kingdom. If we have his spirit, and are truly His, we can neither ignore nor disregard these physical expressions of his will concerning us.

We recommend the adoption by the Convention, of that part of the report referred to us, and that all necessary action be taken to give it the greatest possible emphasis and practical effect.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

W. POPE YEAMAN, *Chairman.*

The report was sustained in addresses by W. P. Yeaman of Missouri, T. G. Jones of Tennessee, when, upon motion of J. A. Chambliss of South Carolina, permission was given to the speakers to discuss the whole subject of Foreign Missions.

The argument was continued by L. B. Woolfolk of Kentucky, and J. L. Burrows of Kentucky, when the report was adopted.

63. A collection was taken for Foreign Mission, amounting in cash, to $202 90, and $50 in subscriptions.

64. At the request of M. T. Martin of Mississippi, he was excused from the Committee on Mission Schools.

65. Adjourned. Prayer by J. B. Link of Texas.

SATURDAY, May 12, 9 A. M.

66. Convention called to order by the President. Singing —Hymn 685, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Reading scriptures, Col., ii chap., 6-23 v.

Prayer, by T. W. Bibb of Kentucky.

67. The Minutes of Friday's session were read and after correction adopted.

68. J. P. Boyce of Kentucky, (Vice President, T. J. Evans of Virginia, in the Chair) introduced to the Convention C. R. Blackall of Chicago, who addressed the body on the subject of Fraternal Relations.

69. On motion J. P. Boyce of Kentucky, the special order for 10 A. M. was postponed until 10:15 A. M.

70. The Report of the Committee on Finances and Treasurer's Report was presented by D. W. Gwin of Georgia, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Treasurer and Finances of Home Mission Board:

By reference to the report of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board, we find that the total receipts for the current year have been $16,816.64, which includes $150 tax refunded on the E. Levering legacy, which together with the $38.87, balance of permanent fund uninvested as per last year's report has been invested in Alabama State Certificates, amounting to $220 and transferred to the permanent fund.

The disbursements have amounted to $15.805.47 leaving a balance in the Treasurers hands of $1,011.17.

The report recommends that the amount of $604.80 which now stands to the credit of the Creek Orphan School Fund, on account of collections made in 1871–73 be transferred to the credit of the General Fund, as that enterprise is abandoned and the account should be closed. Should this recommendation be adopted, then this amount added to the balance reported as in the Treasurers hands, together with the amounts collected since the close of the conventional year, will make a fund sufficient *to cancel the entire indebtedness of the Board.*

It will be noticed by reference to the Treasurer's report that included in the account of the disbursements of the past year is $3,313.29 which has been paid to the Missionaries on the indebtedness of previous years.

We would call attention to the fact that the outlay for salary of Corresponding Secretary, his travelling expenses, and the office expenses, have been materially reduced as compared with the previous year.

The desire of the last Convention suggesting the discharge of paid agents, "except where they find it impracticable" has been complied with, we rejoice that every agent has been a missionary as well.

During the year so trying in its pecuniary history, the Board have illustrated rare wisdom in the economy of its finances, and the prosecution of its labors.

If every pastor could instruct, inform and inspire his congregations with the sublime ideas of christian beneficence, and through Missionary Committees and personal appeals, would organize plans of systematic giving, the Convention would soon be able to multiply ten fold its influence in the spread of the gospel. No instrumentality for gathering funds can approximate in value the living voice of a consecrated believer in Jesus.

Little was done, we apprehend, by voluntary agents, yet we would urge upon every supporter of the Convention, the recognition of personal responsibility to prevent the declension and to advance the prosperity of our cause.

D. W. GWINN, *Chairman.*

71. On motion of J. B. Link of Texas, all speeches during the remainder of the session were limited to five minutes each.

72. The hour arrived for the Special Order on Italian Missions; and the Report was read by the Chairman, E. T. Winkler of Alabama.

Report on the Italian Missions.—Your Committee can not but rejoice at the encouraging outlook. The incidents reported recall the mission of apostolic days. New fields are occupied; new enterprises undertaken. The Vatican Mission heretofore sustained by a sister society and conducted by the loved and honored Van Meter, has been assigned to our charge. Cities and Provinces previously unoccupied, are added to the list of our preaching stations. The names of Verna, Naples, Sardinia, Turin, appearing in the reports of our missionaries indicate that God is propitious to the prayers of his people, and opens the way for the Gospel of his Son. The comparatively small number of evangelists we employ, and the scanty amount of the resources we contribute, are the only limits to our success in Italy.

Yet, what has been effected, notwithstanding these embarrassments, calls for wonder and thanksgiving. The zeal of Dr. Taylor, tempered by discretion, has impressed its character upon the work. A good understanding and a cordial fellowship has been promoted among the evangelic laborers, The favor of many once indifferent, or even hostile, has been conciliated, A voluntary helper of rank and fortune has personally engaged in the work. Mothers from whom the character of the new generation receives its first and enduring stamp are encouraged to meet and pray for God's blessing upon their families, Chapel attendance is promoted among a people passionately fond of music, by sacred song. Public discussions are held with Catholics and Infidels. The Jews, so long neglected, hear "of Him of whom Moses in the law and the Prophets did write;" and the press sends its missions where the living herald of the gospel cannot go, and publishes even amid the dispersed of Italy, the gospel of the grace of God.

We earnestly commend the Italian Mission to the favor of God's people. We affectionately urge them to remember it in their prayers and to aid it by their cheerful and liberal gifts. There is no mission more inviting, none which offers larger results for the labors expended upon it. In regard to the Chapel at Rome, we are impressed by the necessity of using the fund for the erection or purchasing of a convenient building so soon as the opportunity for profitably doing this shall arise, and yet we doubt not that the

Board are acting wisely in waiting for such an opportunity. In a matter so important there must be no failure. May God put it into the hearts of his people so to contribute to the needs of Rome, that there may be no long delay.

E. T. WINKLER, *Chairman.*

On motion of J. C. Furman of South Carolina,

Resolved, That "the Chairman of this Committee be allowed unlimited time."

The Convention then heard E. T. Winkler of Alabama; and L. B. Woolfolk of Kentucky; and adopted the report.

73. Adjourned after prayer by A. T. Spalding of Georgia.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

74. Opened with Prayer by W. L. Kilpatrick.

75. The consideration of the Report of Committee on certain changes in the Constitution was resumed. On motion of W. C. Crane, a call of the House was ordered, and at the request of the Chair, T. L. Jones of Alabama, proceeded to discharge that duty.

On motion of C. E. W. Dobbs of Kentucky, further proceedings under the call was dispensed with.

76. W. C. Crane of Texas, having the floor at adjournment proceeded to discuss the Report of the Committee on certain changes in the Constitution.

S. Landrum of Tennessee, called for the previous question.

The call being sustained, the main question, being on the adoption of the Report of the Committee, was put, and the Report was lost, on account of not having a two-third majority.

77. A. T. Spalding of Georgia, presented the Report of the Committee on Woman's Work, in connection with the Foreign Mission Board, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Work of Foreign Mission Board.—Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Foreign Mission Board, on Woman's Work, beg leave to report:

We have been slow to learn. Offering the gospel almost exclusively to *adults,* we were for a long time blind to the interests of *children.* Awake to the necessity for a large number of laborers in heathen lands, and for the

collection of funds for their support; we were similarly blind to the fitness and efficiency of christian women for these noble undertakings. In the face of the facts that an *apostate church* has long employed them in the most stupendous and successful endeavors, that the Eighth chapter of Luke presents the record of christian women unitedly devoting themselves to the success of our Saviour's personal ministry, and that we have witnessed for half a century, the examples of their undying heroism in the lands of the East, we have yet been slow to recognize and employ their power. And now, in no mere spirit of gallantry, but with abiding gratitude to God, we would record our appreciative testimony to the efficiency, fidelity and success of those noble women who have labored with us in the gospel. And we would pledge ourselves to the employment of all right methods whereby their services can be procured and encouraged. Not only are they our most effective workers, because of their greater zeal, persistency and unselfish love, but there are *more of them* than of men. And besides all this, they are the most available and valuable power in a true pastor's hand, for securing the aid of the men.

The result of their own special work in the past twelve years has been a universal surprise, as is also the recently announced fact that of the four hundred laborers for Jesus in the land of China, three hundred are christian women.

We hail their coming to our help. We commend to our churches the employment of their hands, the encouragement of their hearts, in methods of their own devising, whereby the stream of christian beneficence shall move with a broader flow.

The time may be at hand when it will be advisable that they shall appoint a Central Committee to combine their efforts, to stimulate the work, and to give permanent record to their success.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. SPALDING, *Chairman.*

78. W. H. McIntosh of Alabama, moved that the Speakers to-night on the Resolution of I. T. Tichenor, be as unrestricted as those of last night.

On motion of Joshua Levering of Maryland, this motion was laid on the Table.

79. I. T. Tichenor of Alabama, read the Report of the Committee on the Colored Population; and after remarks by J. B. Hawthorne of Alabama, S. G. Hillyer of Georgia, W. Howard of Texas, by permission of the Convention, read an extract; A.

M. Newman, a colored Pastor of New Orleans, W. H. Robert of Mississippi, N. W. Wilson of New Orleans, J. W. Rust of Kentucky, J. W. D. Creath of Texas, was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the Home Mission Board which relates to the religious instruction of the colored people of the South, beg leave to report:

The last great command of our ascended Lord, "preach the gospel to every creature," is recognized by this Convention as imposing a most imperative duty upon the church of the living God. We also recognize the fact that the finger of Divine Providence may, and often does, point out the fields in which he would employ the labor of his servants. To be blind to such direction is to be criminal and to disregard them when seen is to be rebellious against the authority of our Saviour and our King. Among the indications which the master gives that it is our duty to preach the gospel to a people; the relations we sustain to them occupies no subordinate position. The great Apostle of the circumcision said to his Jewish brethren unto you *first* God having raised up His son Jesus sent him to bless you. It was to the scattered Jews that the chief of the apostles said, since you judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life we turn to the Gentiles. "To the Jew first afterward to the Greek," seems to have been the interpretation placed, by inspired men, upon this command of their Lord.

Such considerations forbid us to exclude from our minds and heart the conviction that the present condition and the past relation which we have sustained to the colored people of the South emphasize the command of the Great Head of the Church, and intensify our obligation to give them the word of Life.

1. The readiness with which they receive the gospel, connected with that other fact that they are so strongly inclined to accept Baptist principles and conform to Baptist practices constitutes a potent reason why we should put forth renewed efforts to spread still wider among them the blessings of the everlasting gospel. No other religious denomination is so favorably situated to save them from the efforts which errorists of every name and every school are now making and may hereafter make to ensnare them and lead them to destruction temporal and spiritual.

2. We are encouraged in this work by the fact that, in some parts of the South, they are exhibiting commendable energy and zeal in the education of their children and in elevating the standard of ministerial attainments, among them.

To one who has carefully observed events perhaps no fact in their recent history is more surprising, or more gratifying to the christian heart, than the persistency of their efforts in this direction. After deducting all that may be attributed to a sometimes exaggerated and mistaken view of the immediate results of education to themselves and their offspring; to the

stimulus of novelty and to their strong propensity to imitate the white race, there yet remains enough to satisfy every considerate mind that some of them have attained such just conceptions of the value of education and of the blessings of a pure and enlightened christianity as to cause them to put forth sustained and persistent efforts for their attainment of which many of our people thought them incapable. There is opening before them a brighter future, and we now possess all needed assurance, that the labors we may expend in their behalf will not be as water spilt upon the ground.

3. They constitute an element of our population, and by their very numbers must weild no insignificant influence upon the future progress of our people. In the new civilization which the South is reconstructing out of the ruins of that grand one which was shaken to fragments by the earthquake of civil commotion, they must have a place and whatever may be our views of their ability to contribute material aid in its erection; we are all agreed that if they become the prey of ignorance and vice they may pollute the very sanctuary of our strength and fill all its chambers with the deadly vapors of a moral pestilence. To prevent such disastrous results we must spread among them the enlightening, cleansing, sanctifying power of the gospel.

4. There are many among us, and among them, who can never forget the relations we have sustained to each other in the past; or ever cease to feel the influence of those strong bonds of sympathy that grew out of that relation. The mad passions of the hour engendered by apparently conflicting interests, the misunderstanding of each other designedly brought about by selfish and unscrupulous men; the fear of some evil real, or imaginary, suspected, or done, may for a time hold in abeyance the powerful action of that sympathy; but with the receding waves of passion and political agitation it reasserts itself, alike in the heart of the former master, and the heart of the former slave.

When we think of the years of the past, of the homes of our childhood, of the days of our youth, of the period of our earlier manhood, they are associated in kindliest recollections with every scene. Memory brings forth from her silent halls no bright and joyous picture in which they do not find a place. They watched our cradle slumbers—they taught us the first steps of childhood—they hushed with tender words and with their own peculiar melodies the wayward cries of our infancy; and on their dusky bosoms sung us to our rosy rest. They watched with eager eyes our development into manhood—they rejoiced at our marriage festivities—they stood sentinel by the bed side of our sick, and with hands made gentle and tender by the heart's deep love, they smoothed the pillows of dying loved ones. They robed the precious clay for its long and dreamless sleep, and with hearts overwhelmed with sincerest grief, followed them to the grave. Such memories crowd all the past of our lives, and as soon can our right

hands forget their cunning and our tongues cleave to the roof of our mouths as that we can cease to feel their hallowed influence.

The spirit of the past, embodying in itself memories like these, becomes to us almost a living, tangible existence pointing to them with its loving hand and emphasizing the command of our Redeemer bids us give them the bread of life.

In the judgment of your Committee the time has *now* come when the Baptists of the South ought to redouble their efforts to promote the spiritual welfare of these people. The formidable obstacles which have existed, it is believed, have now grown impotent, and are ready to yield to the pressure of the loving hand that goes to them laden with the blessings of the gospel. Let us make the effort, honest, *earnest*, *manly*, and the opposing barriers will *yield* and there will be open, to its utmost bound, a field of christian activity white already unto the harvest.

Your Committee recommend that the Convention instruct the Home Mission Board to enter with renewed zeal this department of christian effort and to consider dilligently and prayerfully the question of its duty to make special efforts to raise funds and send forth into this field scores of men suited to this work.

The suggestions made in the report of the Board in regard of institutes for the instruction of the ministers and leading members of our colored churches, meet the hearty approval of your Committee.

We recommend that the Coresponding Secretary, or some suitable man employed by the Board, shall take this matter in special charge, and by personal visitation and correspondence urge upon our pastors, the organization of these institutes in every locality where they may be deemed desirable.

In conclusion your Committee beg leave to express to the Convention their profound conviction that *now* is the time to move forward in this work and that no other enterprise of christian benevolence promises an ampler harvest—that the results of wise and noble efforts now put forth in behalf of our colored people will be seen by unborn generations in the multiplied blessings they will bring to both the races that inhabit this Southern land.

I. T. TICHENOR, *Chairman.*

80. On motion W. Howard of Texas,

Resolved, That the President appoint Five Brethren to attend the Anniversaries of the Societies of our Northern brethren, soon to meet at Providence, Rhode Island, and to convey to these Societies our fraternal salutations.

The President appointed W. P. Yeaman, W. E. Hatcher, J. Wm. Jones, T. J. Evans, A. E. Dickinson.

81. H. F. Buckner, presented the Report of Committee on Mission Schools among the Indians, and, after remarks by himself and Joshua Levering of Maryland, the report was adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of *Mission Schools* beg leave to submit the following:

It has ever been the policy of those who favor missions to other peoples than our own to connect teaching with preaching.

Schools may be found connected with nearly if not quite all our mission stations in other countries. They are found to be powerful and efficient auxiliaries,—especially in the work of civilization. Through them we reach the minds and hearts of children while they are susceptible of good and lasting impressions.

Moreover, Baptists have ever advocated the policy of mission schools in connection with their missions to the Indians from the very beginning of their efforts to evangelize them, and have established and supported such schools until late years, when, for lack of means, they have been abandoned. All other christian denominations that now sustain missionaries to the Indians have also mission schools as auxiliary to their work. Baptists only are excepted. We must admit that there can be no more effectual way of reaching the minds and hearts of the children, and children are our chief hope. By training them we mould the character of succeeding generations. The opportunity given us to establish a mission school among the Creeks is a rare one for accomplishing the greatest good with the least outlay of means. According to the report of the Home Mission Board submitted to us the Creeks wish us to take in charge and in trust the education of 50 of their boys, and of a like number of their girls. They want their boys instructed in agriculture and their girls in housewifery, and for this they give us 160 acres of land for a farm. They also want them boarded and educated, and for this they appropriate $6,000 annually.

This land is their own, for they bought it, and this money is their own school fund, and was never given to them by our government. This money is not raised by taxation, hence their people are not taxed to support a denominational school. The case stands simply thus: they have lands, but not education; they have money, but their children are ignorant. They are willing to part with what they have in exchange for what they have not. They have learned that education is worth more than lands or money —that education is power, and that they cannot hope to exist as tribes unless they educate their children.

What remains for them is to find teachers. They are unwilling to trust wicked people, for wicked people have been their ruin. What can they do? They have resolved on this; they have found that the Southern Baptist Convention has never wronged them, but has sent them missionaries who have been their best friends. They know this, and, as America's orphan

children, they turn to their christian friends and ask for mission schools. O! where is the philanthropist, and especially the christian, who can turn a deaf ear to their appeal? Your Committee would respectfully recommend the Convention to give the Home Mission Board authority to use the legacy of the late Eugene Levering for the purpose of mission schools upon the conditions mentioned in their report, and that the Home Mission Board be authorized to secure, if possible, the amount of funds necessary to comply with those conditions, and for the purpose specified in their report.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. BUCKNER, *Chairman.*

82. The Report of the Committee on Wild Tribes, was read by J. R. Graves of Tennessee, and adopted.

Report on the Wild Tribes.—That the Wild Tribes of the West are susceptible of christianization and therefore of civilization, must be admitted by every christian who admits their relationship to the race of Adam,—that they are human beings. For them Christ died as well as for us, and his church is equally under commission to preach the gospel to them as to other members of Adam's race. Then the success of our missionaries among the tribes now called civilized, has abundantly demonstrated the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto the christianization and salvation of the Indian as well as of the Saxon or the Celt. Only a few years ago, these like the wild Indians of the plains were in a nomad state and relied upon the forest and the stream for their support,—but, through the preaching of the gospel all the tribes that have been reached by it have been largely civilized, and thousands of them, to-day are true and consistent christians. The warriors have washed off the war paint and laid aside the bow for the plow; their hunters have discontinued the chase, and turned their attention to the herding of their own cattle, the cultivation of their own fields and the arts of peace. They have gladly exchanged the customs of their savage ancestors for the necessary institutions of law and the social intercourse of civilized life. The desire for the education of their children has sprung up among them, and is already powerfully affecting the wild tribes that have witnessed their vastly ameliorated condition.

The Indian problem has been solved. It is no longer an open question whether the Aborigines of America can be christianized and civilized—and who can doubt whether it is the duty of American Christians to send them the gospel which alone can save them from temporal extermination and eternal ruin? It has already been demonstrated that it costs far less to christianize the Indians and thus make them our friends and brethren in Christ Jesus than to exterminate them, and the alternative is brought sharply before us, *they must be slain by the sword or saved by the gospel.* As

wild tribes they cannot, they will not long be permitted to remain upon our frontiers. Robbed of their streams and of their hunting grounds they will prey upon the wagons of the imigrants and the flocks and stores of the white man, until hunted down and exterminated like the wild beasts of the forest.

It is the sublime mission of the church of Christ to save men through the means God has ordained, and thank God, she is to know no color line in her heaven born and heaven directed work?

Shall the importunate cry of the Wild Tribes be unheeded by us—is the question we are called upon to decide to-day. The present is an eminently propitious time to reach the Wild Tribes with the Gospel.

Their savage spirit has been thoroughly broken and native pride humbled by the disasters they have experinced in the war that is just closing. Forced back upon their reservations they are convinced that they must accept civilization or perish, and they turn imploringly to the christians of America to save them 'ere they die.

Our Bro. John McIntosh, a native Creek preacher, prompted by an ardent desire for the salvation of his race, without salary or the usual means of support has recently gone to the wild tribes and writes back that he is everywhere cordially received and greatly encouraged.

The General Association of Texas, has promised him assistance, but as yet, he has realized but a fraction of what was promised. He asks for an interpreter.

Bro. A. J. Hold, now teaching school among the Seminoles for a support, is anxious to visit the plains with the message of salvation. Bro. James H. Deer, is a most excellant interpreter among the wild tribes, but the government gives him a salary and he cannot afford to serve our missionaries for nothing.

These brethren, whom God has so evidently impressed with this work, should be released from secular pursuits and allowed to preach the gospel to the wild tribes of the plains.

Your Committee would recommend that the Board be instructed that, at the earliest day possible, one white missionary, and one native assistant and one interpreter should be sustained among the unchristianized tribes in the vicinity of the Wichita Agency.

We are satisfied that no work could be fostered by this Convention more in harmony with the true spirit of Christian Missions.

J. R. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

83. The report of the Special Committee on Memorial, was presented by C. H. Toy of South Carolina, and adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Report of Committee on Memorial.—The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of preparing a memorial of certain members of the Southern Bap-

tist Convention, who have died during the past year, beg leave to present the following:

After almost a century of life, and half a century of christian work, Thomas Stocks, of Georgia, has passed away. In his eminent career as civilian he displayed exemplary candour and honesty, and the whole power of his strong intellect was exerted for godliness. For many years a Vice-President of the Convention, ever a constant and earnest supporter of its work, he was one of whom it may be said that he was "a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith."

Richard Fuller, born and reared in South Carolina, devoting the greater part of his ministerial life to Maryland, by the largeness of his nature and the brilliancy of his endowments, belonged to the whole country. He was present at all the critical meetings of the Convention, at the organization in 1845, at Savannah in 1861, at Russellville in 1866, and in all contributed by his catholic spirit to its harmony, and by his thrilling eloquence to its efficiency. He was several times a Vice-President of the Convention, and twice its President.

William Williams, a native of Georgia, for many years a Professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., one year a Vice-President of the Convention, the author of a sketch of its history (delivered at St. Louis, in 1871,) was thoroughly in sympathy with its work, though his voice was not often heard in debate. His conspicuous ability and sterling honesty and independence as a thinker made him a valuable co-worker, and the modesty and sweetness of his disposition endeared him to all that knew him.

William F. Broaddus of Virginia, was an active and prominent member of the Convention till he was disabled by sickness. His wisdom and experience were especially valuable in the conduct of affairs, and his genial cheeriness and humor helped to soften the asperities of debate, and to diffuse a kindly spirit over the proceedings of the Body.

If there were space, we would gladly make full mention of other esteemed and beloved brethren, such as Geo. F. Adams, of Va. and Md., so sound in judgment and mellow in piety, the eminent preacher and theologian Wm. Vaughan, of Ky., the learned and retiring Saml. Furman, of S. C., a Vice-President of the Convention, and present at its organization, Wm. Hooper, of N. C., with his elegant scholarship and beautiful christian spirit, and others, whom we shall no less bear in our hearts than if their names were here set down.

It is with sad pleasure that we make this brief record of the services and worth of our departed brethren, thanking God for what they have done and praying that we may follow their good example.

C. H. TOY, *Chairman.*

84. The report of the Committee on time, place and preacher for next meeting was read by F. M. Law of Texas, and adopted after remarks by L. B. Woolfolk of Kentucky, and T. G. Jones of Tennessee.

The Committee on time, place and preacher for next session of this Convention, recommend that the next session of this body be held with the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, commencing on Thursday before second Sabbath in May, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. L. M. Curry of Virginia, to preach the Convention Sermon, and Rev. B. H. Carroll of Texas, alternate.

F. M. LAW, Chairman.

85. On motion of S. Landrum of Tennessee, it was

Resolved, That the secretaries be instructed to have printed 2,500 copies of the Proceedings of the Convention, (without advertisements), and that the Boards be instructed to pay the requisite expense in proportion to the receipts of each Board; and that, after reserving 300 copies for the next Convention and forwarding a copy to each member of the Convention who furnishes his address to the secretaries, the remainder to be sent to the Secretaries of the Boards, to be by them sent, expenses paid, to the various Conventions and General Associations connected with this body.

That the necessary expenses of the Secretaries in the discharge of the duties pertaining to their office shall be paid in equal parts by the two Boards of this Convention.

86. On motion, the Reports of the Foreign Mission Board, and of the Home Mission Board, were ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [See Appendix.]

87. On motion of Joshua Levering of Maryland, the following Resolution, offered by W. H. McIntosh of Alabama, was taken from the table and adopted.

Resolved, That the privilege extended to the Foreign Board last night, as to the time occupied, be accorded to the Home Mission Board, in the meeting appointed for the consideration of its interest this evening.

88. On motion of Julius C. Smith of South Carolina, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are cordially extended to the members and congregation of the Coliseum Place Baptist Church, and to those citizens of New Orleans who have so hospitably entertained the members of the Convention during its session. Also, to the various railroad and steamboat companies which have given reduced rates of transportation to persons attending this meeting; and to the churches and press of this city for courtesies extended.

89. After prayer by Richard Furman of South Carolina, adjourned.

SATURDAY, May 12, 7½ P. M.

90. The Convention was called to order by the President, the hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood," was sung, and prayer offered by B. Manly of Kentucky.

91. On motion of I. T. Tichenor of Alabama, the special order was postponed in order to receive the Report of the Committee on Credentials.

92. The Report of the Committee on Credentials was then read by the Secretary, and after amendments was adopted. (See page 5.)

93. The special order was then taken up, being the following Resolution offered by I. T. Tichenor of Alabama.

Resolved, That the increasing demand for Evangelical labor in the destitute parts of our country and in the Indian Territory, call for increased effort on the part of the Home Mission Board to supply the destitution; and upon the Churches and friends of Domestic and Indian Missions for more abundant means to enlarge the work of the Board.

After addresses by G. A. Lofton of Missouri, S. Landrum of Tennessee, and T. T. Eaton of Virginia, a collection was taken up amounting to $94 65 in cash, and $157 00 in pledges.

94. The following was offered by J. W. Rust of Kentucky.

Resolved, That this Convention request Dr. Winkler to publish the able and instructive address he delivered this morning on Italian Missions in the *Alabama Baptist,* and that the Denominational papers in the other Southern States be requested to copy the address.

A motion by S. Landrum of Tennessee, to adjourn pending; the Minutes of this day were read and approved; the hymn commencing "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung.

M. T. Sumner of Alabama, led in prayer; the President addressed parting words to the body and the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

JAMES P. BOYCE, President.

O. F. GREGORY, } Secretaries.
WM. E. TANNER. }

MEMORANDA.

Post Office Addresses. PRESIDENT, Rev. James P. Boyce, D. D., LL. D., Louisville, Kentucky.

SECRETARIES, Rev. O. F. Gregory, Eufaula, Alabama; Hon. Wm. E. Tanner, Richmond, Virginia.

The next meeting of the Convention is appointed with the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, commencing on Thursday before second Sabbath in May, 1878, at 10 o'clock, A. M., Rev. J. L. M. Curry of Virginia, to preach the Convention Sermon, and Rev. B. H. Carroll of Texas, alternate.

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath unto the Southern Baptist Convention, formed in Augusta, Georgia, in the month of May, 1845, and chartered by the Legislature of the State of Georgia by an act passed and approved December 27, 1845, [here insert the amount, if in money, or "subject," if other property, either real or personal,] for Foreign Missions, or Domestic Missions, [as the case may be.]

APPENDIX.

A.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

God has blessed our field work with unusual prosperity. His grace abroad has seemed to outrun the zeal of his people at home. Our churches do not fully realize that they are the missionaries of Jesus; but the great commission must be executed by a willing people, so surely as shall be accomplished the purposes of Jehovah.

RETURN OF MISSIONARIES.

With the approval of their respective missions, and in accordance with the printed regulations of the Board, Mrs. Williams, of the Canton mission, and Miss Edmonia Moon, of the Tung Chow mission, returned to America because of broken health, in the winter of 1876. As was necessary, the one was accompanied by her husband, Rev. N. B. Williams, and the other, by her sister, Miss Lottie Moon. The invalids are convalescing. Brother Williams is our Agent in Alabama and Tennessee.

FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

This organ of our Board re-appeared in April. The welcome it has received confirms the wisdom of the Convention in authorizing its republication. Its present size is entirely too small to contain all the intelligence we should like to publish, but it seemed best to begin with this and enlarge as soon as the subscription-list will justify greater expenditure. A little effort to form a club in every church would secure thousands of subscribers and greatly promote the interest in missions.

WOMAN'S WORK FOR MISSIONS.

The formation of mite-box societies and other missionary organizations by our Christian women is a cheering sign of the times. The large sums annually raised by similar associations in other parts of the country warrant the expectation that, at no distant day, our treasury will receive, from this source, a reliable and increasing flow of income.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer shows that the receipts have been $32,276.98 against $45,646.86 last year. This diminished income would have greatly increased

our bills payable account, which is $5,000, (the same as was reported last year,) but for the following circumstances: The draft for the last quarter of the Tung Chow Mission, has not yet appeared; Rev. M. T. Yates, of the Shanghai Mission, has balanced his account to March 1st, by paying his own salary; and the Treasurer of the Canton Mission, Rev. N. B. Williams, not leaving in China the order of the Board to draw on our Treasurer, that mission has not drawn, as the others have done. The Canton account will be settled by remittances, as soon as possible after the meeting of the Convention. The bills payable must be met by the reduction of appropriations, and the detention in this country of our returned missionaries, unless the necessity is obviated, as the Board hope it will be, by the prompt and liberal offerings of the churches.

AFRICAN MISSIONS.

MISSIONARIES: W. J. David, with one native assistant, *Abbeokuta*; W. W. Colley, with three native assistants, *Lagos*; Moses Stone, native preacher, *Ogbomosho.*

THE WORK AT LAGOS.

This city, near the mouth of the Niger river, has sixty-five thousand inhabitants. Some four thousand have professed christianity. "The rest have to learn the first principles of life in Christ."

Our Chapel, a brick Building, 30x48 feet, which will accommodate between three and four hundred persons, was, on March the 2d. nearly completed, at an expense of some $1,300. Brother Colley says: "Our burden now is a Mission-House to save heavy rent."

Native Teachers: "Your heart would rejoice," adds our missionary "to hear the young men teach Christ. When I am prostrated by fever, they preach to me in broken English, and on Sunday, they preach to the people from the same texts, in Yoruban. The church supports one of these young men who study with us."

The Church has doubled itself in eight months—having fifty-eight members "who show their faith by their works." On the eleventh of February seven were baptized; previously, four were reported. An old Ijaye chief, for whom prayer had been long offered, fell down in one of our meetings, and worshipped the Christian's God. "When the Lord shall convert this pagan," says brother Colley, "there will be a grand ingathering of heathen souls, who are restrained by his influence."

The Sunday-school numbers eighty-five; the day school forty. "We strive to reach the parents through the children."

Thanks and Astonishment: "All join in hearty thanks to the Board for what God has enabled it to do in this field during the past year. Will not the churches pray the God of missions to bless us equally the next year? Brother David and I were thunderstruck at your letter on retrenchment."

Brother David writes: "Brother Colley and his three young men are doing well at Lagos."

ABBEOKUTA AND THE INTERIOR.

From Lagos brother David wrote, June 19th, 1876: "My heart swells with joy at the thought of starting to-morrow for the regions beyond."

At Abbeokuta, eighty miles from the coast, he arrived on the 25th of June, and was cordially received by rulers and people. For presents, worth twenty-five dollars, he secured a site, and ordered a chapel. "I determined," he wrote, "to build the Lord's house and to trust Him for the means. Imagine my delight, when a few minutes after the orders were given, your letter, with £100, was received. This chapel and the one at Ogbomosho, will cost some seventy-five pounds. Our stations will be then in working order. We must go forward."

In the Church, we cannot count on more than four or five of the old members. The interpreters and teachers of our former missionaries are polygamists; and others are living, in other respects, disorderly. May the good Shepherd help us to lead these wanderers home! Yet the prospect is bright.

Interiorward. On the twelfth of August, after many vexatious delays, brother David started for Ogbomosho *via* Ibadon and other large towns of Yoruba. He wrote: "I have good health and good spirits, and I trust I shall have the presence of the Lord by day and night. If you do not hear from me be assured that I am about my Father's business." On the way the people gave profound attention any many exclaimed, "we will worship the true God!" Privately some inquired the way of life.

Ibadon, a city of two hundred thousand souls, was reached the third day. "As I stood," writes our missionary, "upon the western spur of the Kong mountains, and looked upon the thousands of houses at my feet, and remembered the myriads of flaming altars, all reeking with bloody sacrifices, I could not refrain the thought: Oh, that I had the tongue of an angel! As I walked through the winding alleys, and beheld those sons and daughters of Ham, as they go with their offerings from one idol-shrine to another, seeking peace and finding none, living and dying, without God and hope, the pent-up sigh broke out; How long, Oh, Lord, how long will thy servants delay their coming to the rescue of this people! The head chief, who is a Mohammedan, received me kindly, and asked me to select a mission lot, and live among them."

The ruined city of *Ijaye*, one day's journey northward from Ibadon, was visited in honor of a precious sleeper there. "There was no loving one to point the weary traveller to her resting place, beneath the heavy jungle. But in that day, when India and China and the sea shall give up the bodies of their faithful missionaries, Mrs. A. D. Phillips, too, will come forth from the ruins of Ijaye, to receive her crown of unfading glory."

At Oyo, where our old mission buildings lie in ruin, the king, surrounded by his eunuchs and forty or fifty of his eight hundred wives, gave our missionary a grand reception. The king expressed himself greatly pleased; and proposed to aid in the erection of houses, if a mission would be established there. "What more encouragement," asks brother David, "do Christians want, when a heathen king proposes to help them to build, if they will send the men?

When he arrived at *Ogbomosho*, the people, who expected him, cried out "God be praised! He has heard our prayers which have continued these many years." There had been misinformation about the number of Baptists there. "Only one," brother David writes, "had been baptized. Twelve or fifteen others had heard the gospel from our missionaries. Some of them had learned to read Though persecuted, they had met and heard the Bible, from the time our missionaries left them until my return—a period of about eighteen years." During his stay of two months, our brother col-

lected under the branches of the trees planted by our former missionaries, a regular congregation of one hundred and twenty-five hearers; baptized three; instructed six or eight other enquirers, and built a chapel of 23x37 feet, in which were used "the doors, windows and benches of our old mission-house" Many other articles, left by our former missionaries, had been sacredly preserved.

A second attack of illness prostrated brother David at Ogbomosho. "So sure," says he, "were my interpreter and many others, that they would have to dig a grave for me, that they gave vent to their feelings in sobs and tears. I do not think I ever heard more earnest prayers than those for my recovery. Again, the Lord heard. I shall not say how much I suffered."

The Grave of Mrs. T. A. Reid. "Long since her lips ceased to warn that people. As I stood alone and thought of the faithful missionary, I felt that if she could speak, she would say: Though I have fallen, let not Yoruba be given up. I cut the brush from over the grave and replaced the head and foot boards—the stones have been stolen. I hoped that when death calls for me, I too, might be found pointing the same people to the same Saviour. The silent voice from that grave has inspired me with greater desire and determination to labor while it is day, for the night cometh."

On his return to Abbeokuta, brother David found that his chapel had been completed and "dedicated to God in a prayer meeting held by two old women, who were the first converts of our missionaries." To recruit his health, he returned, after an absence of five months, to Lagos. "Our meeting with brother David, on his return from the interior," writes brother Colley, "was one of greatest interest I ever witnessed in Africa. As he told the story of the interior, the hearts of the many who heard him could not conceal their sobs. We know that God went with him, and we congratulate the Board on the complete re-opening of Yoruba, though by so much suffering of our brother." "While here," writes brother David from Lagos, "I am preparing mud and thatch for a mission house in abbeokuta." From Abbeokuta he writes, March 1st: "The mission house is nearly finished. The work on the wall-enclosure will begin at once. The mission house in Ogbomosho will be finished so soon as the rains, which begin in March, supply water. I have here a school of fifteen, a congregation of 120, and a church of five members."

Brother David's appeal: "The cry in all the towns, large and small, that I have visited, is for teachers. I shall not beg the Board to manifest more interest in this field. When you remember that five of our faithful band fell in Yoruba, that scores of towns have gates open to the men with the gospel; that millions of men and women are perishing, and but few there are to break to them the bread of life, there is no need of any words from me to kindle that fire in your heart that has enveloped mine—though I would to God we had more men. For the sake of the blessed Jesus send us two. The work is too great for brother Colley and myself; but we dare not abandon a single place. We will struggle on, hoping and praying that help will soon come. Our motto is, 'Go forward.' I have lost my right arm by sending my interpreter, Moses Stone, to Ogbomosho, where he began work on the 23d of January. Brother Colley pushes the work here. Thus we have three important stations occupied. If we get the two men we ask for, then Ibadon and Oyo will be occupied, and we will have a line of stations two hundred miles towards the interior. Pray for me. I feel a greater need than ever before of the Holy Spirit."

CHINA MISSIONS.

MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD: *At Tung Chow.*—T. P. Crawford and Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. S. J. Holmes, and native pastor, Woo, with three native assistants. *At Shanghai*—M. T. Yates and Mrs. Yates, with native pastor, Wong Ping San, and one assistant. *At Canton*—R. H. Graves, Mrs. Graves, and Miss Whilden, with three ordained ministers, and ten native assistants and Bible women.

TUNG CHOW MISSION.

From Rev. T. P. Crawford's Report: The sudden departure of the Misses Moon for America, the general feebleness of Mrs. Holmes' health, the absence of myself and wife during three months in Japan, the famine, and other causes, have tended to increase our expenses, and to diminish our labors. Still we are thankful to our heavenly Father for his sustaing grace, and the amount of success with which he has crowned our efforts to make known his name among the heathen.

Religious Exercises: Public services four times a week, including the Sabbath, have been regularly held in the large chapel. Deacon Chang was in charge during my absence last fall. Besides these exercises, prayers, accompanied with singing, reading and expounding the scriptures, have been continued in the study every evening (except Thursdays and Sundays) for the benefit of the servants, pupils, and others who choose to attend. Here the most gifted brethren are encouraged to exercise their powers. Several of them have acquired considerable ease in prayer and speaking.

Bearing Witness: The native members resolved to devote an hour every Sabbath morning to speaking with the people about the Saviour, or as they call it, "bearing witness for the Lord." They make a regular report of their labors, and seem to engage in them with commendable zeal. To keep the Sabbath holy we should work for the Lord as well as worship him.

Preaching to All: It is my custom to sit in the study with the door open on the street, and preach to all who appear from interest, curiosity, or other reasons.

Country Excursions: I made several preaching excursions; but since my return from Japan, I have not been able to repeat them. Miss Lottie Moon visited 167 villages; Mrs. Holmes, 150; Mrs. Crawford, 76. Miss Eddie Moon's throat did not permit her to do much beyond teaching the pupils of her boarding school and Sabbath class. How we miss the presence and help of the young ladies! We feel almost broken up.

The School. Mrs. Crawford's boys' boarding school, of 19 pupils, is doing well. Mrs. Holmes' efforts to build up a girl school have at length succeeded. She has twenty-five pupils. This shows that prejudice against us is being overcome. Miss Eddie Moon's girl school was opened in the Spring and disbanded the last of October—pupils, 12. The boys' day school has only 10 pupils, and will be discontinued at the end of the present session. It is not our policy to push schools beyond the personal superintendence and teaching of the missionary ladies themselves; or to employ Chinamen to preach at the expense of the Board.

The ladies, besides teaching in their schools, have taught the women at their own homes, and from house to house; and thus they have established an extensive acquaintance throughout the city and its suburbs.

Much precious seed has been sown, notwithstanding our drawbacks, both by the missionaries and the native christians. May the Lord of the harvest water it, and bring forth an abundant yield to his glory.

Statistics—Monument Street Church: Baptized, 5; died, 1; total, 63.

North-Street Church: Baptized, 4; restored, 1; died, 1; total, 67. Pastor *Woo's* boarding school, of 13 pupils, and his assistant preacher, have both been sustained; but Woo cannot present his financial statement till the close of the Chinese year. He occupies a part of the school building, and uses the North-Street chapel as heretofore. He is in every way favorably situated for his work, and has our best wishes and moral support.

Reinforcement Needed: Thanking the Board and the churches for their sympathy and prayers, let us most earnestly urge them to sustain their missions in China with a firm and steady nerve, and to reinforce Tung Chow and Shanghai at the earliest possible date.

Property at Tung Chow: We add to brother Crawford's report that, in the proposed consolidation of the Tung Chow interest referred to in our last report, the Board offered to him the property held at Tung Chow as an equivalent for their obligations to him—a part of which is of many years standing—for buildings and improvement paid for by him; but he having declined the proposition, the Board executed a bond in his favor for 2,640 taels, which, with one previously executed, on the same account for 1,792 taels, amounts to some $6,000, on which the Board are paying a small interest.

SHANGHAI MISSION.

From Rev. M. T. Yates' Report.

Centennial Offering: I have tried to emulate the spirit of the many noble enterprises at home; but I find it hard to be enthusiastic all alone, and in the same good old work. I have not endowed a college; but I have supported myself by being interpreter for the United States government; have built a church and school house combined, costing five hundred dollars; and have organized a school of twenty boys, which is endowed during my natural life and stay at Shanghai.

Church Training: I look upon the past year as one of great success in this mission. I have given special attention to teaching the church the word of God. They seem to grow stronger on the milk of the truth, and to develope the true christian character. Some are ready to go into the country on Sabbath afternoons and tell the people of the great salvation. Having committed to memory the sermon on the mount, they have much to talk about. Some say that Jesus is always preaching within them, and others that the Lord is a protection all around them. A well-taught and well-trained church is the foundation of successful work for Christ. Many of my church members, male and female, lead in public prayer.

Church Meetings and Membership: Each week we have held at the Baptist church three public services; at the native pastor's house one prayer meeting; at my house a theological class; at the church in the city one service; and one service in the new chapel in the country. These services have been well attended, and from the interest manifested I hope for large results. I have baptized seven. Our present membership is eighty. Only those who profess to know Christ and the Spirit's work are added to our church.

Translations: I have translated Matthew's gospel into the spoken language, and published four thousand copies of it, and have translated to the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. I have a hymn book of some seventy hymns going through the press.

Native Assistants and Country Work: Rev. Wong Ping San is engaged chiefly in Shanghai. See Tay San has charge at Kwin San, and works in a moveable tent among the villages and hamlets. Some have professed faith in the new religion; but they do not propose to incur the odium of joining a foreign church.

The City Church: One hundred thousand Chinese are in the so-called concessions outside of the city walls. My work is mainly among them. Hence the city church is comparatively useless. May I not sell it?

Mrs. Yates' School, of eighteen girls is taught by a young woman of our church. Mrs. Yates' health is not good. She needs a year or two away from China.

To the Churches: It seems useless to hope for reinforcements, while the churches do not support the few now in the field. My only hope is that God will revive his people, and that we shall yet see the pleasure of the Lord prospering in our hands.

CANTON MISSIONS.

From Rev. R. H. Graves' Report.

Promising Outlook: The general outlook in this land is promising. Six new cities have been opened for the residence of foreigners. God, in his providence, is already in advance of his people. Oh that there were more laborers for this ripening harvest!

Help Needed: Our mission has lost a valued laborer in the person of brother N. B. Williams. I am again left the only foreign preacher and pastor in this mission. I feel the want of some one with whom I may consult, and who will help me bear the responsibility of the mission work.

Native Preachers: God has graciously raised up two fellow-workers in brethren Wong and Fong, who were set apart recently for the gospel ministry. We hope they will prove efficient co-laborers, and will be God's chosen instruments for bringing many of their fellow-countrymen to Christ.

Theological Students: Besides the six men engaged as helpers, other brethren have attended my Bible instructions, making the average attendance about fourteen, a large portion of the New Testament, and of the historical books of the Old Testament has been studied. Lessons have been given in Vocal Music, Ancient History and Church History, in Jewish Antiquities and in Natural Theology. Four lectures on Preaching, taken chiefly from Dr. Broadus' "Composition and Delivery of Sermons," have been issued by me from the Shanghai press, and supply a much needed text book.

The Literati: The government examinations for the First Degree occured at Shiu Hing. A similar examination took place in Canton, followed by the triennial examination for the Second Degree, when twelve thousand literati assembled from all parts of the Province. These gatherings gave us an unwonted opportunity of spreading abroad the news of salvation. Many of the gentlemen and of their followers came to our chapels and received Christian books. In addition to our daily preaching, we had preaching at night.

Nearly eight thousand tracts have been distributed, 5,989 from the American Tract Society, 1,330 Baptist and 500 from private funds. The sales have amounted to $20.45. My teacher, Chau, has written a tract commending

Christianity to the literati of China. I had some copies struck off. The English Religious Tract Society printed a number for distribution among the students.

Forthcoming Publications: I have prepared for the press, "Notes on the Parables of our Lord." I am engaged on a "Life of Christ," which will be ready in a year or eighteen months.

Medical Work at Sai-Nan: The Medical Missionary Society has renewed its annual appropriation $150. The work at Sai-Nan is under the charge of brother Chau, who has received a medical training under foreigners. The patients have been 2,103. Among these were 382 eye cases and 43 surgical operations.

Statistics: Twenty have been baptized. Ninety dollars contributed. Total membership 158.

The Schools: Canton school, average attendance, 30. Shiu Hing school, on roll, 17. The teacher is employed mainly for his attention to mission work. Miss Whilden's city school, average, 15; her Honan school, average, 7; Mrs. Graves' school, average 14. Three of Miss W.'s girls were baptized during the year.

Chinese Missionaries: In British Guiana, brother Lough Fuh, one of our members, is pastor of a church of eighty Chinese converts, twenty-five of whom have been baptized in the past year. In Oregon, brother Dong Gong, a former student here, has a little flock of twelve or fifteen souls. Some of our members are also helping forward the work in California.

Work among the women is conducted by Miss Whilden and Mrs. Graves, assisted by several native Bible women. Mrs. Graves has weekly meetings, and Miss Whilden is indefatigable in her visits from house to house.

Retrospect and Prayer: In looking over the year, we feel that we have many reasons for gratitude to God. We trust the brethren will join us in earnest prayer for an increase in our numbers and efficiency. We begin the year, hoping that before it closes we shall be joined by other laborers from America.

ITALIAN MISSIONS.

MISSIONARIES AND EVANGELISTS: G. B. Taylor, and Signor Cocorda, *Rome;* Signor Feraris, *Torre Pellice;* Signor Paschetto, *Milan;* Signor Martinelli, *Modena* and *Carpi;* Signor Cossu, *Island of Sardinia;* Signor Basile, *Bari;* Signor Colombo, *Naples;* Signor Bellondi, *Venice.*

WORK IN THE PROVINCES.

At *Torre Pellice*, Feraris has baptized three or four. The church holds its own, and testifies to the truth.

In *Milan*, the converts are steadfast. The Sunday-school is good for Italy.

In *Carpi*, Martinelli has recently baptized three persons. In *Modena* he is about to take a new hall, and hopes to be more aggressive.

At *Lodi*, Gardiol remained till the autumn, doing colporter and evangelistic work.

Civita Vecchia was abandoned last summer. Cossu, who was at Civita Vecchia, is located at Cagliari, the capital of the *Island of Sardinia*, a city of some 30,000 inhabitants. His preaching has excited much interest and inquiry. Many bibles have been sold. He expects to baptize several persons.

Basile remains at *Bari*, where the storm of persecution has been succeeded by a great calm, but not by any positive progress.

"The Baptist work in *Naples*," writes brother Taylor, "was begun by Count Papengouth, a wealthy and pious Russian nobleman. At the request of Mr. Papengouth, Martinelli went there for a few weeks, afterwards I went myself and labored. Colombo, formerly an evangelist of the Free church in Taranto and baptized by Basile, is now there, his salary being paid by us, while Mr. Papengouth supports another worker and bears all the expenses of two *locales*. Whether it will be practicable to maintain a joint work is doubtful. Several persons have been baptized there during the year by Martinelli, myself and others.

Last summer I was solicited to begin a mission in *Venice*, employing Sig. Bellondi, formerly of the Free church, latterly laboring in that city as an independent missionary among the Jews. After much delay, I decided to support Bellondi, from the first of December. We have now taken a *locale* in that city, and Sig. Concorda will soon go there to aid in the work for a few days. Bellondi thinks he has material for a small church. During a visit made by Cocorda last September, he baptized two men, who came thither for the purpose, one being a minister."

WORK IN ROME.

Signor Cocorda, the native pastor, makes the following report:

Preaching and Discussing. "Our missionary labor has continued this year as in the past, in the face of many difficulties. The two principal means, namely, the preaching of the gospel and personal visits and conversation, have been largely used. The meetings are generally well attended; the hearers are more regular and more attentive, remaining throughout the service and apparently interested. The mother's meeting, which has been lately organized, will open new doors for visits. Instead of classes in the languages, we have had public discussions on great religious questions. Catholics and infidels have come and spoken, and a testimony has been rendered to the gospel. We hope these meetings will not be in vain.

Publications. "We have kept up the publication of the *Seminatore*, which, making known our principles, has borne some fruit in Italy, confirming our brethren, and convincing others, including some ministers, in regard to baptism. We have need of a printing press of our own. The translation and the publication of American religious hymns, and the holding of singing meetings have been continued. In those meetings the gospel is also preached.

"*The Sunday-school*, in the last few weeks, has taken a little new life, and gained some additional scholars.

Redoubled Prayers and redoubled Efforts. "The results of this work are not brilliant. The position is too difficult, the population too indifferent, our principles too unpopular, our preaching too serious, and my work too weak, to expect great success. But there are some consoling signs, and encouraging prospects. Therefore let us not lose heart, but labor while we have opportunity. Redouble your prayers that we may redouble our efforts."

Vatican Mission: Brother Taylor reports that, from the first of May, he will take charge of the Vatican Mission, lately sustained by Mr. Van Meter, of the American Baptist Publication Society. In assuming this responsibility, he has committed neither himself nor the Board for any definite expenditure, or for any definite time.

A young man wanted. Our missionary urges the Board to send out "a young man" to Italy. "One who begins young enough," he says, "finds no difficulty as to the language, and for zeal and earnestness, the Anglo Saxon excels the Latin nations. The right sort of man can be of great help, and could be prepared, if the necessity arose, to take my place."

Rome Chapel. The Board have deemed it useless to attempt to increase the fund for this chapel. With a more prosperous year, means adequate to the necessities of the case may be secured. Brother Taylor writes: "We are still without a permanent mission house or chapel, and the necessity for one increases, if we would hold our own with the other denominations, and do our fair share of the work of evangelization in this city. All the other churches either have or soon will have excellent, permanent houses, both for meetings and other mission purposes. Lest it may be thought that I have not acted with energy equal to theirs, I must add that each one of them has expended an amount far exceeding what we have at our disposal. The English Methodists will soon enter their new building; but they will have spent, from first to last, $100,000. Still I am not without hope that we may yet secure a suitable and permanent 'local habitation' in the Eternal City." Perhaps in the present threatened state of Europe, it may be an occasion of congratulation that our funds have not, as yet, been invested in a chapel.

Indirect Influence "Our principles," he writes, "have made some progress in Italy. Besides twenty baptisms reported, there have been several in Turin, in the bosom of the Free Church, including the pastor and a leading member. Outside of Italy the influence of our mission has been felt. We have quite a number of subscribers to the *Seminatore* in the Italian colony in Egypt, especially in Alexandria and Cairo, where there are more than 40,000 Italian speaking persons. We have also sent there many denominational tracts. This has been done mainly through Bertola, the commercial traveller, baptized two years ago by Basile. This brother has urged us to begin a work in those cities, where there is already a nucleus of Italian Christians. We shall probably see others enter instead; but I trust the seed sown there will not be lost."

Sense of Responsibility. Bro. Taylor concludes by saying: "The past year has been to me one of anxiety. Often, had I consulted the flesh, would I have sought a field involving less care and responsibility. May God guide the Board and all its laborers, and add his blessing to our feeble endeavors."

VOICE OF PROVIDENCE.

Never was the outlook of our mission fields more promising. The whole of Yoruba, recently fiercely closed against the gospel, is thrown open, and our missionaries are invited to occupy the land. The six newly freed cities of China must soon become centres to radiate the truth over an empire of one-third of the human race. A few years ago a solitary colporter entered the gates of Rome, forced ajar by a conquering army. To say nothing of the progress of other evangelical denominations, our own tenets are proclaimed from the Alps on the north to the "hollow of the foot," as our missionary denominates the extreme south of Italy. Baptisms have agitated the Po and the Tiber, and have been administered in the Gulf of Taranto, and in the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas. In the most important places we have churches or stations. Not only the obscure have put on Christ by bap-

tism, but such men as the scholarly Paschetto, the astute Cocorda, the nobleman Papengouth, baptized in England by Bapt. Noel; Colombo, an honored evangelist at Taranto, Signor Bellondi, late missionary to the Jews in Venice, and Barnardo Brachetto and Secondo Laura, respectively pastor of the Free Church and President of the College at Turin. By the wise measures of Dr. Taylor, whose judicious management has dispelled the last vestige of our old troubles in Rome, and whose missionary tours have scattered by the way the good seed, strengthened the feeble hands of God's elect, and enlarged the borders of our Church views and practices in Italy, a tongue has been given to our principles through the distribution of Baptist publications in adjacent France and in far-off Africa.

Our missionaries in three continents plead, some of them piteously, for reinforcements; but the hands of the Board are tied. The churches barely support the laborers already in the harvest, so full of toil and gladdened with golden sheaves. Alarming monitions are given that the voice of our disregard to the Divine commands and Providence has pierced the heavens. Eight missionaries have been providentially forced home; others, from ill health also, may have soon to return. Will not our people arouse in time, and not exclude themselves from the honor of working with him who is making himself great unto the ends of the earth? Achieved success antedate the anticipation of the venerable Massarelli, a member of the Italian Parliament, who, entering the arena of sturdy contest between our Taylor and Cocorda, and the Infidels and Jews of Rome, exclaimed: "Courage, brethren, in twenty years we shall see great progress."

ANNUAL

Of Receipts and Disbursements by the Treasurer of the FOREIGN MISSION
April 30th,

1877.	RECEIPTS.		
April 30.—To Cash to date from	Virginia		$ 6,116 01
" " "	Kentucky		5,024 00
" " "	Georgia		4,344 68
" " "	South Corolina		3,026 98
" " "	Maryland		2,196 51
" " "	North Carolina		2,245 49
" " "	Mississippi		2,010 27
" " "	Missouri		1,269 37
" " "	Alabama		1,315 54
" " "	Texas		895 95
" " "	Tennessee		771 27
" " "	Arkansas		462 75
" " "	Louisiana		316 25
" " "	New York		190 00
" " "	District of Columbia		188 25
" " "	West Virginia		146 99
" " "	Florida		47 10
" " "	Massachusetts		22 40
" " "	Illinois		19 40
" " "	California		5 25
" " "	Indiana		2 00
" " "	Southern Baptist Convention		341 75
" " "	Bank of Commerce loan		5,000 00
Rome Chapel Fund:			
Interest on $18,200 U. S. bonds, 1,022—gold sold for		$ 1,190 28	
From Nova Scotia		124 48	
		1,314 76	
Less: paid rent of safety deposit box, for safe-keeping of bonds		10 00	1,304 76
		1,304 76	
Appropriated to rent of chapel		1,100 00	
		204 76	
Due this fund per last report		145 00	
Balance now due		349 76	
On hand 18,200 U. S. Bonds, cost		21,794 88	
		22,144 64	
W. F. Norton, T'r Centennial Com'n,			14 37
			$37,276 98

April 30.—To balance in my hands, $549 49.

JOHN C. WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT

BOARD *of the* SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, *from 2d May*, 1876, *to* 1877, *inclusive.*

1876.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
May 2.—By balance due Treasurer			228 43
1877.			
Apr. 30—Cash paid to date for European Mission		8,368 00	
" " " Canton Mission		2,640 96	
" " " Shantung Mission		5,238 15	
" " " Shanghai Mission		589 45	
" " " African Mission		4,114 06	
			20,950 62
" " " Virginia Agency			377 00
" " " Georgia "			775 08
" " " Kentucky "			1,662 80
" " " Missouri "			382 89
" " " Mississippi "			65 91
" " " Rev. J. B. Hartwell's agency, missionary			1,381 52
" " " Rev. N. B. Williams' agency, missionary			276 13
" " " Rev. E. Z. Simmons' agency, missionary			213 65
" " " Mite boxes			73 24
" " " Printing			60 25
" " " Rent			307 67
" " " Incidental expenses			227 10
" " " Foreign Mission Journal			8 50
" " " Southern Baptist Convention			192 22
" " " Bills Payable			5,000 00
" " " Baring Bros. & Co., balance due them			558 02
" " " Interest			318 33
" " " *Salary of Corresponding Secretary, and clerk in full			3,551 63
" " " Traveling expenses			116 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer			549 49
			$37,276 98

*This includes a balance of $811.63 due for last year.

RICHMOND, April 30th, 1877. I have this day examined the accounts of John C. Williams, Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, commencing 2d May, 1876, and ending this day, and find them correct and supported by proper vouchers, and that there is a balance of five hundred and forty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents due by him.

J. F. COTTRELL, AUDITOR.

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THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

MARION, ALA., MAY 1st, 1877.

The measures adopted by the Board for disembarassment from its financial difficulties, reported last year, and approved by the Convention, have been persistently adhered to since the meeting in Richmond, and not without encouraging results. In times of ordinary prosperity, we are satisfied that we should have been able to report, not only the entire relief of the Board, but the beginning of a new career of usefulness in the enlargement of its work.

In obedience to the instruction of the Convention we have reduced the number of paid agents as far as existing contracts would permit, and the proposed method of voluntary agencies seemed practicable. This could be done however only to a limited extent, as all the agents in our employment were under appointment for the year when the Convention met. It was to be expected that under the most favorable circumstances, the change in our method of procuring funds would tend to diminish our receipts, at least until the wisdom of new plans could be demonstrated by practical results.

It is a gratifying fact, that with the blight of a financial crisis that has left no calling or industry untouched throughout the civilized world, though our Treasury has not been replenished as abundantly as the enlarging demands of our field required, we have yet reason to "thank God, and take courage." Much is due to the active voluntary agency of friends, who have represented our cause in their Churches, Associations, and State Conventions. Still we believe the time has not come when we can dispense wholly with special Missionary Agents.

The indebtedness of the Board has been reduced to a point which justifies the hope of an early extinguishment of all outstanding liabilities, and the consequent expansion of active operations in the great enterprise committed to our charge.

Those to whom the Board was indebted have in the settlement of their claims contributed cordially to this result. Not only the straitened condition imposed by the obligations of former years, and the unprecedented pressure of the times, but the necessities of those to whom these debts were due, induced the Board to put forth the most vigorous efforts to effect a prompt settlement of every demand. The debt impaired its usefulness, if it did not threaten its existence, tended to wear away the patience of the

Denomination, and interferred with the supplies that were necessary for the further prosecution of its work. Every consideration constrained the Board to turn to the best account, for the benefit of the creditors as well as its own relief, the funds at command. The decision as to what should be done, was not suddenly, or without patient and prayerful consideration, reached. The matter was finally submitted to those most interested. The situation was frankly made known to them, with the suggestion, that if they would remit a part of what was due them, a speedier settlement of their claims could be reached, and that it was the desire and hope of the Board, to pay them within sixty days, by extraordinary efforts, even to the effecting of a loan for that purpose, yet at the same time they were assured that should they decline the proposition we would not abate our efforts to pay them all, so that to accept or decline, was with them a matter of choice, not of constraint.

With scarcely an exception, the expressed their satisfaction with the arrangement, and in many cases their gratitude for the timely relief which it afforded; not a few of them assuring the Board of their sympathy, and their prayers of its future prosperity.

With some of the parties we have been unable to communicate by reason of removal. Some have died, and the residences of their families, after diligent enquiry, are unknown. We are still seeking them, and shall continue to do so.

KIND WORDS

has been published for the year under the contract with Messrs. J. W. Burke & Co., and edited by Rev. Samuel Boykin. It has been regularly and promptly issued, and its increasing circulation affords gratifying evidence of growing popularity.

FINANCES.

It is worthy of notice that the contributions to the Board have amounted to but little less than those of the last year, (the Levering legacy being excepted) and in addition to this, that we have been enabled through the divine blessing to do a considerably greater amount of active Missionary labor than during that period; while at the same time our liabilities have been largely reduced.

We recommend to the Convention, to appropriate to our general work, the amount collected in 1871, 1873, for the Creek Orphan School, as the enterprise was abandoned and the account needs to be closed.

The desire of several Indian tribes for

MISSION SCHOOLS.

was brought to the notice of the Convention a year ago. Since that time the council of the Creek Nation has made an appropriation of one hundred and sixty acres of land for a manual labor school. They propose to make a further appropriation of six thousand dollars per annum, for the educa-

tion of fifty boys and fifty girls, the former to be instructed in husbandry and the mechanic arts, doing the work of the farm, the latter to be trained in all that pertains to the economy of the house-hold.

The annual appropriation of six thousand dollars is contingent upon the erection of the necessary buildings, the preparation of the farm for culture and the appointment of a Superintendent, and teachers, and will begin with the opening of the school. An agreement has been entered into between the Council of the Creek Nation and the Managing Board of the Muskokee Baptist Association, securing these appropriations to the Mission; and at a meeting of the Managing Board, March 23rd, 1877, they resolved to transfer all right and title acquired by them, with all the profits accruing therefrom to the Home Mission Board, provided they accept the same within sixty days from the date of the transfer, and shall faithfully carry, out on their part, the provisions of that agreement.

This will involve an outlay of $—— The Board has not the means at present of carrying out this important enterprise, but we believe it is practicable, and that the opportunity should not be lost. We therefore ask the consent of the Convention to the use of the legacy of the late Eugene Levering, for this purpose upon the conditions: 1st. That a sum sufficient with the amout of the legacy, to complete the buildings, and the preparation of the farm for culture, so that there shall be no debt or lien of any kind whatever, upon the property, shall be secured in cash, before any work shall be begun. 2nd. That the consent of the family of Mr. Levering shall be obtained. This we think will be in happy accord with the spirit of the bequest, and with the name which we propose it shall bear, the Levering Indian Missionary School, will be a fitting and permanent memorial of the thoughtful benevolence of the testator.

THE WILD TRIBES

are pleading for Christian civilization as is illustrated by the interesting facts reported to the Board by Dr. Buckner, as follows:

"There have been pressing invitations from the wild tribes, west of the Seminoles, that we should visit them; and the Absentee Shawnees especially have asked the Managing Board of the Muskokee Baptist Association, through our special missionary, Major S. G. Vore, to intercede in their behalf for the establishment of a Baptist Mission School, at or near Shawnee town, by the Domestic Mission Board of the S. B. C. They propose to give all the land necessary for such a school, and in the event of their success in getting a sufficient school fund, they will give us $5,000 for building purposes. There are several among them whom they call "praying people," that have by letter urged us to visit them, and a young Creek Baptist named James Deer, having lived among them ever since the breaking out of our last war, has acquired a knowledge of the Comanche and Deleware languages, and would make an excellent interpreter. One Seminole Bap-

tist has also moved among them, and it is believed that a church of about six male members could be organized at once. Black Beaver, a chief of one of the Deleware bands, professed conversion during the war, and was immersed by a Methodist, and there are several among them who have received some Christian instruction. It is very important that we enlarge our Indian Mission work in that direction.

At the SACK AND FOX Agency there is church of baptized believers enjoying the ministry of an unordained native preacher, named Keokook, and of an exhorter named McCoy. At this station there are now sixteen converts awaiting the visit of some ordained preacher to baptize them. A native preacher, formerly under appointment of our Board, Daniel Perryman, visited them late last fall and baptized 22; and another of our native preachers, Wesley Smith, visited them last Winter and married Chief Keokook to his wife, according the forms of Christian people."

MISSIONARY AGENTS.

We call attention to, and emphasize the fact, that our agents are not simply the collectors of money, but missionaries as well. Their reports of labor in preaching the Gospel, exclusive of agency work, will bear no unfavorable comparison with the service of Pastors or Missionaries who are not agents, and this surely should be recognized as an equivalent, for at least a share of the cost, when the expense is considered.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Rev. W. D. Atkinson, Jessup, Ga., reports 52 weeks service, 2 churches supplied, and four other stations, 224 sermons preached, 49 addresses delivered, 67 prayer and other religious meetings attended, 2 Sunday schools, 60 pupils, 9 teachers, 1 teacher and 5 pupils converted, 2 Bible classes, 27 baptisms, 16 received by letter, 175 religious visits, assisted in the constitution of 2 churches, 47 baptisms in meetings held chiefly by him, 2 young men preparing for the ministry, 2,210 miles travelled.

Rev. D. G. Daniell, Walthorneville, Ga., reports 52 weeks labor, 4 churches supplied, 2 other stations, 130 sermons, 54 addresses, 41 prayer and other religious meetings, 13 baptisms, 4 Sunday-schools, 85 pupils, 16 teachers, 2 Bible classes, 179 religious visits, assisted in the constitution of 2 churches, 6,728 pages of tracts and 11 books distributed, 2,894 miles travelled.

Rev. Alfred Corn, North Georgia and Western North Carolina, reports 52 weeks labor, 4 churches supplied, 6 other stations, 97 sermons, 204 addresses, 114 prayer and other religious meetings, 4 baptisms, six Sunday-schools, 200 pupils, 4 pupils converted, 4 Bible classes, 28 pupils, 7 persons professed conversion in connection with his labors not baptized by him, 4 young men preparing for the ministry, 1,674 miles travelled.

Rev. Joseph Walker, Rolla, Mo., reports 39 weeks service, 1 church supplied, 1 other station, 146 sermons, 37 addresses, 72 prayer and other religious meetings, 17 baptisms, 4 received by letter, 1 Sunday-school, 100 pupils, 10

teachers, 1 teacher and 7 pupils converted, 3 Bible classes, 25 pupils, 385 religious visits, aided in the constitution of 1 church, 3 persons converted in connection with his labors not baptized by him, 490 miles travelled.

Rev. T. A. Higden, North Georgia, reports 12 weeks service, 62 baptisms, (commission expired).

Rev. J. O'B. Dargan, D. D., Marlboro county, S. C., reports 39 weeks service, 3 churches supplied, 1 other station, 244 sermons, 85 addresses, 69 prayer and other religious meetings, 450 religious visits, 4 Sunday-schools, 3 Bible classes, assisted in the constitution of 1 church, 50 persons professed conversion in connection with his labors not baptized by him, 10 Bibles and 30 Testaments distributed, 930 miles travelled.

Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, Missionary Agent, S. C., 39 weeks service, 144 sermons, 137 addresses, 84 baptisms, 11 persons professed conversion in connection with his labors not baptized by him, 7,596 miles travelled.

Rev. T. Kiefer, Texas, was appointed Missionary Agent, October 1st, in that part of Texas embraced by the Baptist State Convention. To labor as an evangelist being more congenial, and finding a great demand for his services as such among both the American and German population, his work was more that of a Missionary than an agent. He writes, "if you consider me simply as your Missionary for one quarter, I have been as successful and done as much effective work as I ever did in any three months in all my life."

He reports 12 weeks service, 1 church supplied, 48 sermons, 18 addresses, 15 prayer meetings, 5 baptisms, 8 persons received by letter, 3 restored, 850 miles travelled, assisted in the constitution of 1 church, 4 persons professed conversion in connection with his labors whom he did not baptize.

Rev. W. H. Wallace, Franklin, Tenn., was in the service of the Board but a short time. He reports 6 weeks labor, 2 churches supplied, 4 other stations, 60 sermons, 2 baptisms, 5 received by letter, 1 Sunday-school, 60 pupils, 6 teachers, 2 Bible classes, 35 religious visits, 30 persons professed conversion in connection with his labors whom he did not baptize, 100 miles travelled.

Rev. W. N. Chandoin, Ga., was withdrawn from the agency work in Georgia about the beginning of the Conventional year. He has labored partly as agent, and partly as Missionary, in Tennessee, Alabama and Florida. His Missionary labors were not incidental to his agency, but were largely performed in regions destitute alike of the bread of life, and the means of obtaining it, especially in Florida, where an open door invites evangelical work, with the promise of a bountiful return at no distant day, if the great Baptist brotherhood of the South will furnish the means to enter in and cultivate the fields already white to the harvest.

He reports 52 weeks labor, 203 sermons, 60 churches visited, 8 baptized, 9 protracted meetings in which he labored, assisted in the ordination of one minister, besides laboring in Sunday-schools, preaching to children, &c., 7,339 miles travelled.

Rev. W. H. Dodson, Texas, commenced his labors at San Antonio, about the 1st of January of the present year, as pastor, his salary being supplemented by the Board.

San Antonio, from the salubrity of the climate, and its geographical position, now accessible by railroad connections, is a point too important to be neglected. The feeble church now struggling into life should be strengthened by the generous assistance of their brethren in completing their house of worship.

Brother Dodson reports 12 weeks service, 1 church and 1 other station supplied, 14 sermons, 6 address, 10 prayer meetings, 1 Sunday-school, 20 pupils, 3 teachers, 16 in fellowship.

Rev. T. C. Boykin, Ga., Sunday School Eyangelist for the State reports, 52 weeks labor, 45 Associations, 161 churches visited, 11 Associational meetings attended, 29 Sunday School Conventions and Institutes held, aided in 12 protracted meetings, organized 68 Sunday-schools, preached 137 sermons, delivered 308 addresses, added to Sunday-schools 2,299 scholars, distributed 221 religious books, 1,281 religious papers and tracts, 1,650 circulars, wrote 528 letters, travelled 5,361 miles.

Rev. Elias Dodson, Missionary Agent, North Carolina, reports 52 weeks services, 84 sermons, 79 addresses, 31 religious visits, 3,556 miles travelled.

Rev. Isaac Reed, Missionary Agent in the General Association, of Texas, (a partial report only, received) reports 8 weeks service, 16 sermons, 15 addresses, 10 prayer and other religious meetings, 300 religious visits, 800 miles travelled.

Rev. Wm. H McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary, reports 52 weeks service, 53 Sermons, 18 addresses, assisted in the ordination of 1 deacon, (col'd), dedicated 1 house of worship (for the colored people), baptized 24 (col'd), 25 religious visits, 9,828 miles travelled.

Rev. V. E. Kirtley, Missionary Agent, Kentucky, reports 52 weeks service, 65 sermons, 10 addresses, 143 churches and 20 Sunday-schools visited, assisted in the ordination of 1 minister, travelled 7,055 miles.

INDIAN DEPARTMENT.

Rev. H. F. Buckner, D. D., Eufaula Creek Nation, Indian Territory reports 52 weeks service, 149 sermons, 102 addresses, 18 baptized, 89 prayer, and other religious meetings, 154 religious visits, 2 houses of worship completed, aided in constituting 2 Churches, assisted in ordaining 2 Deacons, travelled 4000 miles. Dr. B. writes "it is impossible for lack of mail and traveling facilities, and because the native preachers are so widely separated, to report the valuable services and important labors they have performed, mostly voluntary, receiving not one cent of remuneration. They deserve the gratitude of their brethren, and doubtless their rich reward is on high."

Rev. R. J. Hogue reports 3 Churches and two other stations supplied, 59 sermons, 19 addresses, 15 prayer, and other religious meetings, 7 Indians, and 7 colored persons baptized, 49 religious visits, 1 professed conversion not baptized by him, 898 miles travelled.

Rev. Simon Hancock (native) Choctaw Nation, reports 52 weeks labor 4 Churches supplied, 2 other stations, 52 sermons, 11 addresses, 1 baptized, 520 miles travelled, 7 Indians restored, 1 received by letter, 2 religious visits.

Rev. Washington Kanard, (native) Creek Nation, reports 12 weeks service, 1 Church and 3 other stations supplied, 46 sermons 16 addresses, 40 prayer meetings, 6 baptized, 8 restored, 10 religious visits, 12 professed conversion in connection with his preaching not baptized by him, 470 miles travelled.

Rev. Willis Burns, Chickasaw Nation, reports good meetings and Sunday-school.

Rev. Jno. McIntosh, (native) Creek Nation, has been selected by the General Association of Texas, and commissioned by this Board as Missionary to the Absentee Shawnees (a wild tribe). With Dr. Buckner he set out for his new field of labor last fall, but by untoward circumstances they were compelled to return before reaching it. We look forward with deep interest to his entrance upon the work. In the mean time he has been doing good service among his own people. We have received no formal report from him.

Rev. Lewis Cass, (native) Choctaw Nation reports 8 weeks service, 2 stations supplied, 26 sermons, 6 prayer meetings, 5 baptisms, 40 Sunday-school pupils, 4 Sunday-school teachers converted, 10 religious visits, 242 miles travelled.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Weeks service 707, Churches supplied 26, other stations 25, sermons preached 1993, addresses 1480, prayer and other religious meetings 548, baptisms 272, restorations to Church fellowship 28, professed conversion not baptized by the missionaries 198, Sunday Schools 128, pupils 2824, teachers 44, Bible classes 16, teachers converted 6, pupils converted 12, religious visits 1536, miles travelled 55685.

THE FREEDMEN.

The needs of the colored people appeal to our sympathy, and the Board would gladly have appointed evangelists to labor among them. The want of means so far has prevented our doing more than instruct our Missionaries to give special attention to their Spiritual wants, as they have opportunity.

As the most speedy and effectual way of benefitting them, we would earnestly recommend that Ministers Institutes be held by our brethren for the instruction of their preachers, wherever, and as often as it is practicable.

WOMAN'S WORK.

in the cause of Missions, whether in assisting to provide means for conducting the work, or in personally laboring for the conversion of souls, is a marked feature in the Missionary enterprise.

The efficiency of the effort in the former direction, might be greatly augmented by a more general organization in each church, or by associated labors where Churches are sufficiently contiguous, as in the large cities, and in some parts of the country, to admit of frequent meetings. With but here and there, a plan for combined effort, streams of supply have already been opened from these sources to the treasuries of our Boards. Let the Christian women of our Churches generally, adopt some such plan, and press it with zeal and energy, and like the rock smitten by the Prophet's rod, the dry places shall become fountains of blessing to the needy.

DR. TREASURER'S REPORT *Home Mission Board*

RECEIPTS.

1876.

May 2.—To balance as per Report this date		$15 45
From GEORGIA—Home Department	$4,826 10	
" " Indian Department	803 16	
" " S. S. Board debt	53 19	
" " Indian Schools	39 00	
" " Rev. John McIntosh	1 00	5,722 45
" KENTUCKY—Home Department	168 62	
" " Indian Department	3,100 17	
" " S. B. C. per G. W. Norton, Treas	59 00	3,327 79
" ALABAMA—Home Department	896 50	
" " Indian Department	124 33	
" " Indian Schools	5 50	
" " G. W. Norton, Treas'r. S. B. C., part on John Borders legacy	333 33	1,359 66
" VIRGINIA—Home Department	1,340 25	
" " Indian Department	1 00	1,341 25
" SOUTH CAROLINA—Home Department	1,115 29	
" " " Indian Department	33 85	1,149 14
" NORTH CAROLINA—Home Department	915 50	
" " " Indian Department	20 98	
" " " Indian Schools	5 00	
" " " S. S. Board debt	80	942 28
" MARYLAND—Home Department	622 11	
" " Indian Department	201 32	
" " G. W. Norton, Tres'r. S. B. C., tax refunded on E. Levering legacy	150 00	973 43
" TEXAS—Home Department	588 55	
" " Indian Department	75 40	
" " Indian Schools	2 00	665 95
" TENNESSEE—Home Department	338 75	
" " Indian Department	47 50	
" " S. S. Boards	10 00	
" " Kimbrough Legacy of J. H. Holman, Executor	100 00	496 25
" FLORIDA—Home Department	210 05	
" " Indian Department	41 11	251 16
" MISSISSIPPI—Home Department	102 95	
" " Indian Department	32 70	135 65
" DISTRICT COLUMBIA—Home Department		104 48
" MISSOURI—Home Department		101 55
" ILLINOIS—Indian Department		16 00
" NEW YORK—Home Department		7 50
" LOUISIANA—Indian Department		4 00
" ARKANSAS—Home Department		4 65
" Interest on E. Levering Permanent Fund		128 25
" Kansas Land, part balance due		69 75
		$16,816 64

1877.

May 2—To Balance	$1,011 17

of the Southern Baptist Convention. CR.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid Missionaries on old account	$3,313 29	
" " Missionaries current year	4,020 58	
" " Missionaries special donations current year	275 45	
" " Rev. H. F. Buckner's traveling expenses to S. B. C. at Richmond, Ky., South and Home	191 11	
" " Revs. McIntosh and McCombs' expenses to Richmond and Home	190 67	
" " Agents Salaries	3,269 86	
" " Agents traveling expenses	769 58	
" " Treasurer, money loaned as per last report	141 63	
" " Interest on same	94	
" " S. S. Board debt, Memphis, balance on compromise, Rev. Jno. Barrey	77 25	
" " J. W. Burke & Co., on debt due them special contributions	56 19	
" " H. D. Reese on ante bellum draft of Board compromised,	50 00	
" " Agents over remittance as per last report	6 16	
" " Investment balance E. Levering legacy	188 87	
" " Printing Minutes, S. B. C., 1876	90 50	
" " Retained by G. W. Norton, Treas. Atty's fees Jno. Borders legacy	67 83	
" " Uncurrent money reported by Rev. H. F. Buckner	1 00	12,710 91
" " Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Sec. salary to May 1st, 1877,	$2,500 00	
" " Rev. W. H. McIntosh, traveling expenses to May 1, 1877,	425 35	
" " Incidentals, including servant hire	52 34	
" " Postage	38 74	
" " Printing	23 00	
" " Stationery	7 89	
" " Exchange	6 84	
" " Telegrams	5 40	
" " Express charges	2 50	3,062 06
" " Returned W. B. Frazier, Treasurer, error in remittance,		32 50
" Balance		1,011 17
		$16,816 64

TREASURER'S REPORT—(Continued.)

PERMANENT FUND.

United States Bonds	$1,850 00	
Alabama State Certificates	220 00	$2,070 00

ASSETS.

Legacy, Jno. Borders, dec'd, balance due	$906 67	
Kansas Land balance due	90 25	
Due from Agent	12 19	
Indian School Claim vs. U. S. Government	2,546 87	$3,555 98
100 acres land donated by G. R. Freeman, Esq., Texas		

LIABILITIES.

To amount as per last report to be provided for		$6,483 44
By amount paid missionaries on old account	$3,313 29	
" " Agents on over remittance	6 16	
" " Money borrowed as per last report	141 63	
" " On S. S. Board debt, Memphis	77 25	
" Remitted in settlement of above	1,187 57	4,725 90
Leaving this balance to be provided for		$1,757 54

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT WITH MESSRS. J. W. BURKE & CO.

To Amount due as per last report		$4,774 18
" Balance interest on same to June 1st, 1877		443 43
		$5,217 61

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By amount paid on same since May, 1876	$56 19	
" " Royalty due June 1, 1877, as per contract	800 00	856 19
Leaving this balance due June 1, 1877, subject to contract,		$4,361 32

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, from May 2, 1876, to this date, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers, showing a balance in his hands of One Thousand and Eleven Dollars and seventeen cents. I have also examined the United States Bonds and Alabama State Certificates as set forth in Permanent Fund account, and find the same on hand as therein stated.

S. H. FOWLKES,

Marion, Ala., May 2nd, 1877. Auditor.

C. THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

DATE	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	PLACE OF MEETING	PREACHERS.
1845	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina	Jesse Hartwell, Alabaman James C. Crane. Virginia	Augusta, Georgia	
1846	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina	Jesse Hartwell, Alabama James C. Crane, Virginia	Richmond. Virginia	Richard Fuller, Maryland.
1849	Wm. B. Johnson, South Carolina	James C. Crane, Virginia Basil Manly, Jr., Alabama	Charleston, South Carolina	W. B. Johnson, South Carolina.
1851	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	James C. Crane, Virginia Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi	Nashville, Tennessee	Jeremiah B. Jeter, Virginia. J. L. Reynolds, South Carolina.
1853	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	H. K. Ellyson, Virginia Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi	Baltimore, Maryland	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia. Samuel Baker.
1855	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi James M. Watt, Alabama	Montgomery, Alabama	A. D. Sears, Kentucky.
1857	R. B. C. Howell, Virginia	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi George B. Taylor, Maryland	Louisville, Kentucky	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi.
1859	Richard Fuller, Maryland	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi George B. Taylor, Maryland	Richmond, Virginia	D. R. Campbell.
1861	Richard Fuller, Marylard	Wm. Carey Crane, Mississippi George B. Taylor Virginia	Savannah, Georgia	Wm. H. McIntosh, Alabama.
1863	P. H. Mell, Georgia	George B. Taylor, Virginia Sylvanus Landrum, Georgia	Augusta, Georgia	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1866	P. H. Mell, Georgia	George B. Taylor, Virginia W. Pope Yeaman, Kentucky	Russelville, Kentucky	R. Fuller, Maryland.
1867	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. Fuller Crane, Maryland A. P. Abell, Virginia	Memphis, Tennessee	W. T. Brantley, Georgia.
1868	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. P. Abell, Virginia A. F. Crane, Maryland	Baltimore, Maryland	T. E. Skinner, Kentucky.
1869	P. H. Mell, Georgia	A. P. Abell, Virginia A. F. Crane. Maryland	Macon. Georgia	E. T. Winkler, South Carolina.
1870	P. H. Mell, Georgia	J. Russell Hawkins, Kentucky E. Calvin Williams, Maryland	Louisville, Kentucky	J. L. Burrows, Virginia.
1871	P. H. Mell, Georgia	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland Truman S. Sumner, Alabama	St. Louis, Missouri	Wm. Williams, South Carolina.
1872	James P. Boyce, South Carolina	E. Calvin Williams, Maryland Truman S. Sumner, Alabama	Raleigh, North Carolina	J. W. M. Williams, Maryland.
1873	James P. Boyce, South Carolina	M. B. Wharton, Kentucky W. O. Tuggle, Georgia	Mobile, Alabama	T. G. Jones, Tennessee.
1874	James P. Boyce, Kentucky	G. R McCall, Georgia W. O. Tuggle, Georgia	Jefferson, Texas	E. G. Taylor, Louisiana.
1875	James P. Boyce, Kentucky	W. O. Tuggle, Georgia G. R. McCall, Georgia	Charleston, South Carolina	T. H. Pritchard, North Carolina.
1876	James P. Boyce, Kentucky	C. C. Bitting, Virginia E. Calvin Willians, Maryland	Richmond, Virginia	Geo. C. Lorimer, Massachusetts.
1877	James P. Boyce, Kentucky	O. F. Gregory, Alabama W. E. Tauner, Virginia	New Orleans, Louisiana	Henry McDonald, Virginia.

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DR. G. W. NORTON, *Treasurer of*

1876.		
May 4.	To cash on hand, as per report of this date	$ 118 00
23.	To cash per Rev. Dr. Boyce for the United States Government succession tax on the bequest of Eugene Levering, deceased, released by the U. S. Government	300 00
July 6.	To cash from estate of John Borders, deceased, on account of bequest made by him to Southern Baptist Convention, paid by decretal order of the Chancery Court of Calhoun County, Alabama, as per my receipt filed in said Court, and dated June 30, 1876	500 00
	(said amount was collected through James Cook, Esq., of Jacksonville, Alabama.)	
	To 4 per cent. dividend due 1st June, 1876, on $1500 Stock of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad Company	60 00
Dec. 5.	To 3 per cent. dividend due 1st December, 1876, on $1500 Stock of Nashville and Decatur Railroad Company	45 00
		$1.023 00
1877.		
May 1.	To balance on hand this day	$ 105 00

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1876.		
May 27.	By cash paid Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Secretary of Domestic Mission Board in full for one-half of the Government succession tax on the bequest of Eugene Levering, deceased, released by the U. S. Government. Said amount to be invested, as ordered by the Convention	$ 150 00
	By cash paid Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Secretary of Domestic Mission Board, as ordered by the Convention	59 00
	By cash paid J. C. Williams, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, for one-half of Government succession tax on the bequest of Eugene Levering, deceased, released by said Government of the United States, said amount to be invested as ordered by the Convention	150 00
	By cash paid J. C. Williams, Treasurer of Board Foreign Mission, as ordered by the Convention	59 00
July 6.	By fee paid James Cook, Attorney, for attending to the case in the Chancery Court, Calhoun County, Alabama, against estate of John Borders, deceased	100 00
	By express charges from Jacksonville, Alabama	1 75
	By ⅔ of $398 25 paid J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer of Domestic Mission Board, in accordance with the will of John Borders, deceased	265 50
	By ⅓ of $398 25 paid J. C. Williams, Treasurer of Foreign Mission Board, in accordance with provision of the will of John Borders, deceased	132 75
1877.		
May 1.	By balance in hands of Treasurer this day	105 00
		$1,023 00

Audited and Approved.

N. LONG, *Auditor.*

May 8, 1877.

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